

Congress finding difficult to face people: Jugal IMS Jammu organises Investor Awareness Program

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JAMMU: Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency candidate of BJP, Jugal Kishore Sharma, during his visit to the election office in Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, took stock of the ongoing campaign in different areas and also reviewed the preparations being made for effectively reaching the people across the entire constituency and mobilize their support for the party.



BJP parliamentary constituency candidate, Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing party workers meeting.

duties granted to them exclusively for the campaigning period. Jugal Kishore, while expressing satisfaction on what was shared with him, said that the party has set a target of registering twenty percent increase in the vote share this time and to achieve the desired result,

everyone has to put more efforts. He said that better coordination in the management committee is the utmost requirement for smooth and more effective working. Jugal also shared that during his campaigning, the public response is overwhelming in every area and a

clear wave is seen in favour of the BJP. The opposition parties, Congress in particular, is finding it difficult to face the people in this wave and its leaders are making failed attempts to target the BJP to gain public sympathy but would not succeed and the lotus will, once again, bloom in the constituency.

Jugal further said that the people in the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency are convinced that it is only the BJP and the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, who have a real concern for the development and welfare of the poor and needy and will support and vote BJP. Ramesh Gupta, Balbir Ram Rattan, Prem Gupta, Parduman Singh, Bawa Sharma, HS Pummy, Kunti Jasrotia, Vijay Sharma, Uma Kapahi, Rahul Sharma, Pawan Singh, Surinder Choudhary, Anil Masoom, Dil Bahadur Singh, Sahil Sharma, Kuldeep Kandhari, TR Sharma, Ved Sharma, were prominent among those present in the meeting.

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JAMMU: Institute of Management Sciences, Jammu, organised a Guest Session- Investor Awareness Program, on Monday, within its campus premises for the students of Management and Computer department. The session was graced by the Expert Speaker Ankush Goja (Regulatory, Northern Region Incharge Investor Service Centre, Jammu). The session began with the welcome speech by Director IMS, Dr. Meenakshi Sharma followed by an hour long session by the guest speaker Ankush Goja. The focus of the session was about Understanding Financial markets and Evaluating investment opportunities. Mr. Goja explained the importance of Financial planning for young students and discussed the various risk management strategies. He also focused on how to build a diversified investment portfolio and navigate the regulatory frameworks. The session was attended by students of BBA, BCA and MBA. The session concluded with an engaging QnA wherein the speaker answered various



Director IMS, Dr. Meenakshi Sharma presenting memento to Expert Speaker Ankush Goja.

queries of the students. Later a Memento was presented to the guest by Director IMS Dr. Meenakshi Sharma followed by a formal vote of thanks by Gurshish Kour, Assistant professor, IMS.

Opposition pursuing vendetta against Modi: Dr Varinder

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JAMMU: Dr. Varinder Sharma, the Co-convenor of the Professional Cell of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has criticized the recent INDI Alliance bloc leaders rally organized by the Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi, where opposition leaders united against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sharma accused the opposition, particularly the Congress, of pursuing a "politics of vendetta" driven by personal animosity against Modi rather than constructive opposition. According to Sharma, the rally, named 'Loktantra

Bachao' (Save Democracy), is actually a "Corrupt Bachao" (Save the Corrupt) rally. He alleged that opposition leaders are vocal against Modi but silent on corruption within their own ranks, some of whom are facing legal repercussions. Sharma contended that the opposition has lost credibility and is attempting to undermine Modi's leadership, which has contributed to India's economic growth and development. He emphasized Modi's vision for the country's progress and pledges to strengthen governance and

empower citizens. Sharma predicted a landslide victory for the BJP in upcoming elections, enabling the government to make bold decisions for the nation's welfare. He dismissed allegations of central agencies targeting opposition parties, attributing such actions to the government's commitment to combat corruption. Sharma accused the opposition of misleading the public by raising issues already addressed by the Modi government, such as electricity access, education, healthcare, and fair prices for farmers.

Congress has history of appeasing terror, terrorists: Vibodh

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP general secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, while addressing a series of meetings in New Plot, Kachi Chawni and Talab Khatikan, in Jammu city, said that the programmes and policies of the BJP-led NDA government under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has changed the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who had been discriminated and given step-motherly treatment by the previous dispensations of the Congress for decades together after independence of the country. He said that the people in the



BJP general secretary, Vibodh Gupta addressing a meeting.

erstwhile state were always misled and given false promises for vote bank politics. The Congress also misled the innocent people of Kashmir and encouraged them to raise anti-national slogans and get associ-

ated with the proxy war raised by the neighbouring country to fulfill its nefarious designs on Kashmir. The appeasement policy of the Congress, right from the days of the friendship of

Nehru with Sheikh Abdullah, only nourished and promoted a sense of separatism, terrorism in the valley. It was due to the soft approach of the Congress towards the terrorism, which resulted into the forced migration of lakhs of Kashmiri Hindus and other minorities from the valley and the hilly areas of Jammu region. Vibodh Gupta said that the fate of the people of Jammu and Kashmir changed with Narendra Modi assuming the chair of Prime Minister, as his government took one historic and bold decision after the other, which ensured full inte-

gration of the state with the rest of the country by removing separate symbols of constitution and flag, paved way for treating all citizens equal 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. BJP leaders Parveen Kerni, Raman Sharma, Rakesh Sethi, Nidhi Magotra and Anu Gupta also addressed these meetings.

NSS SKUAST-J organises Awareness lecture on 'Infectious Diseases and Agriculture'



Dr. Parveen Yograj, Ex-MS District Hospital Gandhi Nagar delivering a lecture.

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JAMMU: In continuation to series of lectures, NSS SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with Health Centre and under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Dr. B.N. Tripathi and Dean Students Welfare Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, a sensitization programme was organised for NSS students of Faculty of Agriculture for prevention and control of Infectious Diseases. On the occasion Dr. Parveen Yograj, Ex. Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Gandhi Nagar was the invited speaker.

Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi welcomed the guest and faculty and threw light on the risk of infectious disease in agriculture particularly in Indian context. He also spoke on the significance of the awareness about preventive measures of such diseases and role of young NSS volunteers to control diseases. Dr Parveen Yograj gave an impressive lecture on the topic, 'Infectious Diseases and Agriculture' and made the students aware about various possible causes and symptoms of such diseases. A student interaction session was also organised in

which students took active participation. The programme was organised by Dean Student's welfare and team of NSS instructors of Faculty of Agriculture and Health Centre. A large no of students and staff attended the programme. Those present in the programme includes Dr. Anil Gupta, Medical officer, Dr Subhash C Kashyap NSS Coordinator, Dr. Arvinder Singh, Dr. Sushmita, Dr. Balbir Dhotra and Dr. Rakesh Sharma NSS programme Officers. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Subhash C Kashyap.

DB directs respondents to file status of process for appointment of members for Protection of Child Rights

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotishwar Singh and Justice Mohammad Yousaf Wani unable to understand as to whether authorities had really taken any concrete steps or not and took the matter with utmost seriousness it deserves in view of the important statutory role the Commission plays. DB directed the respondents shall without fail intimate as to the status of the process for appointment of the members of

the Committee by the next date failing which, we would be compelled to call the concerned official respondents to remain present in person before this Court to explain before us. While passing directions, DB observed that Vide order dated August 7, 2023 passed by this Court, learned counsel for the respondent was directed to apprise this Court as to the progress of the constitution of J&K Commission for Protection of Child Rights. On August 16, 2023, it was submitted on behalf

of the respondents that Committee was convened on August 8, 2023 and the authorities will apprise this Court as to the result of the same by the next date. On December 4, 2023, December 20, 2023, February 28, 2024 and March 1, 2024, time was sought on behalf of the respondents to apprise this Court. However, nothing has been made known to us as to the stage of the process of the outcome of such a meeting for appointment of the members of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Police accords send-off to retiring officers on superannuation



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AWANTIPORA: Police in Awantipora organised farewell functions to accord warm send off to the officers who superannuated from their active services. On attaining the age of superannuation SI Javaid Ahmad Rather, SI Manzoor Ahmad were given a send off by all ranks of Police in Awantipora. On their retirement, a farewell party was organized at DPO Awantipora. SSP Awantipora Ajaz Ahmed Zargar appreciated the work and dedication of retiree officers towards their duties. He extended good wishes and healthy post-retirement life to them and presented gifts to retirees as a token of love and respect for their exceptional services. Moreover, DySP DAR Abdul Gafoor and other police officers were also present on the said occasion who also acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing officers and conveyed their best wishes to them for post-retirement life.

Congress seeks restoration of polling booth

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JAMMU: Congress has taken exception of shifting of polling booth No.73, Jammu Municipal Corporation in Jammu West Assembly Segment. In a statement JKPC questioned the shifting of the existing polling booth No.73 from Khayarian in Jammu West to another locality Trilokpur, which is far away from the locality. JKPC Senior Vice President and Chief Spokesperson. Ravinder Sharma said that a delegation of Congress party led by PCC Secretary Sanjeev Sharma alongwith congress leaders Vinay Sharma, Vikas Manhas, Parshotam Kumar, BCC President Darshan Lal Verma, Koushal Kumar visited the area of Khayarian and met the agitated residents of the locality who complained against this unilateral action of the administration as one sides and against the interests of voters. The delegation has assured the people to take up their demand with the authorities. The party has taken up the demand with the Returning Officer and written to him to restore the polling booth in the area like before in the interest of residents of locality.

MD Metro News Vishal Chopra honoured for his contribution to field of news



Chairman Gurmeet Dutta and President Shubham Kotwal of digital and print media association felicitating Vishal Chopra, Managing Director of Metro News Newspaper.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant ceremony here on Monday, Vishal Chopra, the Managing Director of Metro News National Newspaper, was honoured for his exemplary contribution to the field of news. The ceremony was conducted by Chairman Gurmeet Dutta and President Shubham Kotwal of a digital and print media association. Chopra was recognized for his unwavering commitment and diligent work in delivering timely and accurate information to the public through Metro News National Newspaper. His dedication serves as a benchmark for others in the industry, reflecting the high standards of journalism upheld by Chopra. The event not only celebrates Chopra's individual achievements but also emphasizes the collective efforts of media professionals dedicated to maintaining the integrity and credibility of news dissemination. Chairman Dutta and President Kotwal's gesture highlights the importance of acknowledging those who excel in their commitment to quality journalism, inspiring others in the industry. In extending their congratulations to Vishal Chopra, Chairman Dutta and President Kotwal expressed gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the field of news.

Sessions Judge Poonch passed strictures against SSP, SHO Poonch in POCSO case bail HC stays adverse remarks against SHO Poonch

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JAMMU: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh in Jammu comprising of Justice Sanjay Dhar has issued notice to the respondent Intiyaz Ahmed and in the meanwhile directed that the impugned remarks/strictures passed against the petitioner shall remain stayed. This stay order was passed by the High Court in a petition filed by SHO Poonch Kunal Singh Janwal through: Aseem Kumar Sawhney, Advocate with Tehseena Bukhari, Advocate wherein the petitioner has challenged order dated 15.03.2024 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Poonch, whereby certain adverse remarks/strictures have been passed against the petitioner and SSP, Poonch while passing a bail order in a case under POCSO. Adv Aseem Sawhney appearing for the petitioner submitted that the impugned remarks have been passed by the Sessions Judge without hearing the petitioner and the SSP Poonch and without giving any opportunity to him to explain the matter. Adv Aseem Sawhney submitted before the High Court that the Petitioner is a police officer on the rank of Inspector and presently posted as SHO in Police Station Poonch and has been compelled to file the present petition against the order passed by the Principal Sessions Judge, Poonch (Respondent no.2) dated 15/3/2024 passed in file number 04/2024/Bail application, CNR no. JKPN010000352024; titled Intiyaz Ahmed versus UT of J&K wherein while passing the order of bail in serious offences like 363,366 IPC read with 4/8 of POCSO Act the Court has passed strictures/adverse remark against the Petitioner as well as SSP, Poonch which not only has brought down the morale of the officers but has also compelled the Petitioner to raise and escalate the matter before this High Court to save his honour, dignity and career. He further submitted that February

21, 2024 an FIR was registered bearing number 35/2024 under section 363 IPC in the police station Poonch after receiving a written application of complainant namely Mohd Azam S/O Hayat Bakash R/o Khanater Tehsil Haveli Distt Poonch wherein the complainant Mohd Azam in his application submitted before the SHO Police Station Poonch that his minor daughter (name withheld) has been kidnapped/abducted on the way to her school. On receiving this application the Petitioner got the FIR registered and entrusted the investigation to PSI Prince Jasrotia. During the course of investigation, the formalities under law were completed and the statement of the witnesses were recorded, date of birth certificate of the victim was procured and offence under 366 IPC was also added. After the statements of the witnesses were recorded, as a matter of fact one vehicle Tata Magic bearing registration number JK12C-7164 was also seized which was used in the commission of offence from Muradpur; Rajouri and on the disclosure of the brother of the victim, the uniform, schoolbag and books were also recovered from the seized vehicle of the accused (Intiyaz Ahmad) herein, Respondent No.1. After hectic efforts, the minor girl was traced and recovered from the custody of the accused and the accused was also arrested on February 25, 2024. The medical examination of the minor was also conducted with the consent of the parents from District Hospital Poonch on February 25, 2024 and the minor was after the medical examination was handed over to the Child Welfare Committee, Poonch for further action. On March 5, 2024 the CJM Poonch rejected the application for remand, however in the Bail application filed by the accused/respondent no. 1 the Court directed to file status report, thus bail was not granted initially and the order for grant of bail was awaited.

On March 6, 2024, that is very next day the UT/ Police department filed a Revision Petition under section 397 CrPC against Respondent No. 1 challenging the impugned order of rejection of remand order passed by the Ld. CJM Poonch. That in the interregnum period offences under section 4 and 8 of the POCSO Act were also added on the basis of further evidences collected by the investigating officer. On March 7, 2024 the investigating officer also received the medical report of victim/minor which clearly evidenced the victim was sexually assaulted/sexual activity during this period of abduction and since minor's consent does not matter; and having a recent history of sexual activity/assault coupled with the fact that the said minor under mysterious circumstances was retracting from her statement/version told to the CWC and her family; therefore the /Police being duty-bound decided to further probe the matter. Sawhney submitted the copy of the order dated March 7, 2024 dismissing the Revision petition was provided on to the prosecution on March 11, 2024 and after getting the certified copy of the order/judgment dated March 7, 2024 (on March 11, 2024) and finding the revision petition dismissed by the Ld. Sessions Court and the remand not having been granted the petitioner was in a quandary and on March 9, 2024 itself, released the respondent no 1/accused on his personal bond and surety bond and handed him over to his family members terming it as "home protection" and on March 9, 2024 the accused was out of custody as he had no restraint on his movement. On March 12, 2024 the date in the bail application was fixed wherein the detailed report was submitted by the petitioner as SHO Police Station Poonch in which it was submitted clearly that the accused / respondent no. 1 was now out of Police Station and was in his home terming it as home protection, however; there was no restraint on

his movement and it was submitted that accused has already been shifted to his home under his family protection and with the direction to produce him daily before the police station until any appropriate order is received. That since the accused was no longer in police custody and was handed over to his family on March 9, 2024 against the proper signatures and receipt, thus the respondent no. 2 / Ld Sessions Judge Poonch had become "functus officio" and could no longer grant bail as regular bail can be granted where accused is in custody but since in view of the fact that there was no remand order under section 167 CrPC with the petitioner therefore the accused/ respondent no. 1 in essence was out of custody, however instead of disposing/dismissing the bail application on this count, the Ld Pr Sessions Judge Poonch / respondent no. 2 passed the impugned order not only granting bail to the accused/ respondent no. 1 but also venting its anger and passing adverse remarks against the SSP Poonch and the SHO Poonch / petitioner herein in a petition that had virtually become infructuous. It was submitted that on March 15, 2024 the respondent no. 2 (Principal Sessions Judge) directed grant of bail to the respondent no.1 (accused in the said FIR number 35/2024 under section 363, 366 and 4/8 of POCSO act) and while passing the order dated March 15, 2024 the Principal Sessions Judge, Poonch has passed strictures /adverse remarks against the SSP Poonch as well as SHO presently the petitioner in the impugned paras, unfortunately which order is not governed by the principles of justice, fair play and restraint. On hearing the arguments of counsel Aseem Kumar Sawhney for the SHO Poonch, the High Court issued notice to respondent No. 1 and Court directed "in the meanwhile, the impugned remarks/strictures passed against the petitioner shall remain stayed."