

Congress, NC, PDP looted resources, ditched J&K residents: Raina

Modi govt empowered Gujar-Bakerwals, other communities

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JAMMU: President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, Ravinder Raina, criticized opposition parties such as the Congress, National Conference (NC), and People's Democratic Party (PDP), accusing them of neglecting the welfare of marginalized communities and exploiting the state's resources.

He claimed that the Modi government has prioritized the needs of neglected communities, including Gujjars, Bakerwals, and others, by implementing various welfare schemes and empowerment initiatives.

Raina was addressing a public meeting at Bathindi, here on Sunday.

MP (Rajya Sabha) Ghulam Ali Khatana, former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, former



President, BJP J&K Ravinder Raina addressing a gathering.

MLA Devender Singh Rana, Vinay Gupta, Ankush Gupta, Ashraf, Wani, Khajuria, Jamwal, Pappu, Pushpinder, Rafiq, Liaqat, Noor Alam, Mohd Alam and others were also present on the occasion.

A large number of prominent persons joined the BJP on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the public meeting, said that as we have

already entered the election mode for the parliamentary elections 2024, the people have already gone through the development works and the policies of the Modi government and are massively supporting the BJP's candidate in these polls.

He further asked the people to ask others also to vote for the development and elect BJP's candidate, Jugal

Kishore Sharma.

Raina said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has presented an example of how a political party should work for the welfare of the people. He said that the Modi government has worked on the principle of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" during the last 10 years and India is seen progressing on a fast pace.

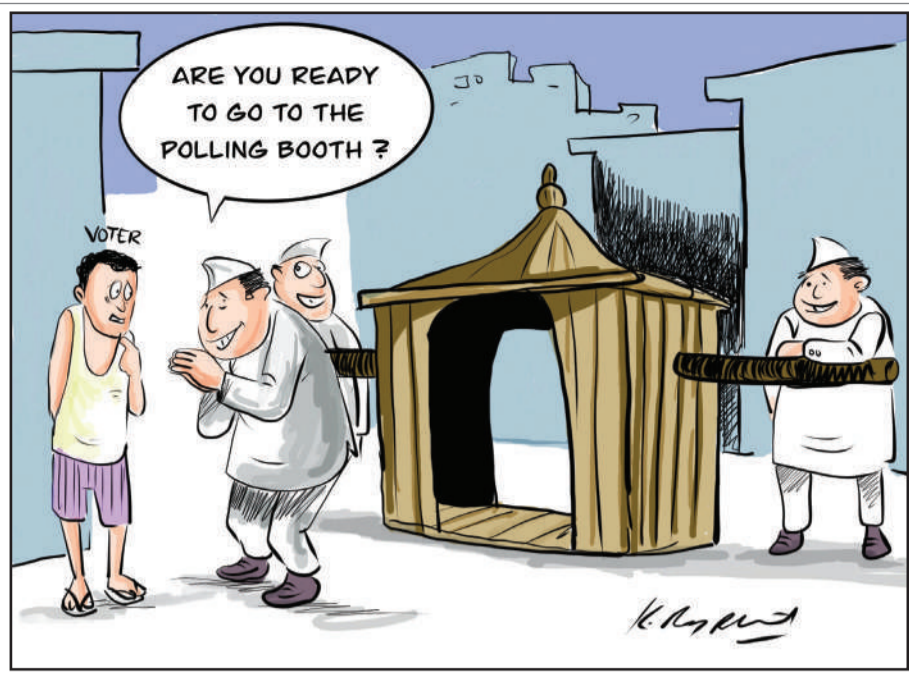
He said that PM Modi considered the whole nation as his family and sincerely worked for the welfare of every section in every area.

Raina said that the Modi government belongs to everyone, it has initiated schemes like political reservation, inter-district recruitment issue, vehicles for the transportation of animals, and other such steps for the STs.

He also recalled the time under the leadership of former

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, when the resurgence started and the nation progressed with the brotherhood in society.

He said that the party believes in taking all the persons on board in the 'development journey' and this is only possible in BJP's leadership. Raina appealed to the people to vote for the Modi government, which has worked for the welfare of people in every need. He said that it is the Modi government that took care of the needs of the Gujar-Bakerwals along with other communities and empowered them socially, economically and politically.



Prof. Sahay reappointed as Director IIM Jammu for second term

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu is pleased to announce the reappointment of Professor B. S. Sahay as the Director, IIM Jammu for a second term.

Prof. B.S. Sahay's reappointment comes as a testament to his visionary leadership, dedication, and contributions to the growth and success of IIM Jammu during his initial tenure. The appointment of Prof. B.S. Sahay is done as per IIM Act amended in 2023.

Having served with distinction in his first term, Prof. B.S. Sahay has demonstrated exemplary vision, managerial acumen, and a deep commitment to advancing the institute's academic and research agenda. Under his guidance, IIM Jammu has achieved significant milestones and scaled new heights of excellence.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, expressed his profound gratitude, stating, "I am happy to be entrusted with the privilege of serving as the



Director of IIM Jammu for a second term. I am deeply committed to leveraging our past successes as a foundation, propelling our institution to even greater heights of excellence and distinction in the years ahead. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Governor, IIM Jammu for their trust and confidence in me. Their guidance and leadership have been instrumental in shaping the strategic direction of our institute, and I look

forward to our continued collaboration in achieving our shared goals. At this juncture, I would like to extend my thanks to the IIM Jammu fraternity for their steadfast support and co-operation. It is through our collective efforts and shared vision that we will continue to advance the frontiers of management education and research to make it a world-class Institute."

Prof. B.S. Sahay's continued leadership will provide stability and continuity to IIM Jammu as it embarks on its journey towards greater excellence and impact in management education and research. His innovative and visionary approach, coupled with a strong focus on fostering academic rigor and industry engagement, will further elevate the institute's standing in the national and international arena.

The Board of Governors and IIM Jammu fraternity congratulate Prof. B. S. Sahay on his reappointment as Director, IIM Jammu.

JAKASICON-2024 scientific deliberations on "Welcome technology without forgetting basics & ethics" conclude

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JAMMU: Three days long scientific deliberations of 10th Annual Conference, the Mega Surgical Event (JAKASICON-2024) on theme, "Welcome technology without forgetting basics & ethics" came to an end after four scientific sessions on Sunday, wherein free papers were presented by postgraduate students from SKIMS, ASCOMS, GMC Jammu, GMC Kathua.

Free papers by faculty members and a Panel discussion moderated by Dr. Sanjay Sharma on, "Emergency Room Trauma Management" and deliberated by Dr. Ishfaq Mir (HoD CTVS, GMC Jammu), Dr. Furqan (Asst Prof Neurosurgery), Dr. Rajni Bhardwaj (Asst Prof Surgery), and Dr. Shruti

Gupta (Asstt Prof Anesthesia).

In addition key note Invited Guest Lecture on "Whipple's Surgery" was delivered by Prof. Rajesh Gupta from PGI Chandigarh. This was informed by JAKASI Chairman & Organizing Chairman of the conference Prof. Sanjay Bhasin.

He further informed day one of the conference was marked by scientific deliberations and Pg competitions for Prof. K.L. Kapoor Quiz, MayaSham e-poster and Pg free paper awards in addition to scientific papers and video presentations from all the health & medical education institutions of J&K including AIIMS Jammu & Delhi.

Invited Guest Lecture by Prof. Rajinder Prasad from

AIIMS New Delhi on the Topic, "Robotics in Surgery", was highlight of day one. During day two master videos, orations and panel discussions on ca Breast were the main highlights, in addition to inaugural ceremony presided over by National Treasure of the Association of Surgeons of India, Prof. B.L. Yadav wherein Prof. H.L. Goswamywas Chief Guest and Prof. Ashutosh Gupta (Principal & Dean GMC Jammu) was the Guest of Honour.

Prof. Bhasin further informed that the justice has been done with theme of the conference and in three days 90 pgs, 46 faculty presented their experiences by way of scientific papers, videos presentations of surgeries as well as panel discussions.

During valedictory Prof. K.L Kapoor Ex-HoD of surgery was the chief guest and he presented awards to Pgs, volunteers, exhibitors and the manpower who helped in successful completion of the conference.

Dr. Ashutosh had all praise for organizing team and especially the organizing skills of Prof. Bhasin. Organizing Chairman thanked all the participants and dignitaries and said that ultimate benefit of these deliberations shall go to all ranks of surgeons and the patients.

Stage during valedictory was managed by organizing secretaries Dr. Harbinder Singh Bali and Dr. Shyam Gupta. National Anthem was recited at the end.

would continue to fight against what he deemed as anti-people policies of the central government and the administration in Jammu and Kashmir.

He pledged to uphold transparency and accountability in governance, citing Congress's track record of strengthening democratic institutions during its tenure.

Regarding the division of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories, Bhalla lamented the perceived lack of progress and stated that the region had suffered losses as a result.

Bhalla conveyed Congress's commitment to serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir and its aspiration to form the next government in the region.

He positioned Congress as the primary political force providing constructive opposition at the national level.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Ex Minister NC Abdul Gani Malik, District President Reasi Bopinder Singh Janwal, DDC Master Mohd Israil, Sarpanch Chatter Singh, Adv. Ayaz Hussain, Abdul Gani Block President, Ayub Ayan, Intiaz Wami, Mohd Ul Malik, Haji Mohd Shafi, Mohd Iqbal, Ch. Siraj Din, Haji Rafiq Mir, NC Leader Nawaz Ahmed.

Mian Deedo 244th Birth Anniversary Celebrations

No compromise with Jammu's honour, Dogra pride : Rana



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana with others at a programme in Jammu.

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JAGTI: Describing Mian Deedo, Daata Ranpat, and Bawa Jitto as pillars of inspiration for generations, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday said their legacies are deeply ingrained in the collective consciousness of brave Dogras, shaping values and aspirations.

Speaking at a function held to celebrate 244th birth anniversary of Mian Deedo at his memorial Devasthan at Jagti, Devender Rana said these historical icons continue to embody ideals that resonate with society's core principles. He reiterated the enduring significance of preserving the pride & honor of Jammu and the glorious Dogra culture and said adding that the essence of our heritage, deeply intertwined with our rich history, vibrant culture, and cherished traditions, serves as the bedrock of

our identity and Jammu's honour and Dogra pride will never be compromised.

"They embody the spirit of the Dogras' struggle for various rights-rights of the farmers, equality, social justice, and freedom of thought and identity-all through acts of immense valour", Rana said, adding that as we commemorate the 244th birth anniversary of Mian Deedo Ji, his legacy reminds us of the importance of standing up for what is right, even in the face of adversity.

The function was attended by Yuvvir Sethi, Zorawar Singh, Yuva Rajput Sabha President Vikram Singh, Somnath Khajuria, Rajan Singh, Padam Shri Mohan Singh, Sumant Singh among others.

"Mian Deedo's life embodies the timeless virtues of courage, compassion, and wisdom and his tales of bravery, recounted in folklore and literature, serve

as a beacon of hope and resilience, transcending time and geography", he said, adding that his unwavering commitment to justice and righteousness, Mian Dido's exemplary life serves as a guiding light for humanity and to our younger generation.

Rana said the Dogra heritage is not merely a collection of artefacts or stories; it is a living legacy that connects us to our roots, reminding us of the sacrifices and triumphs of our forefathers. He said Jammu, with its distinctive ethos and dynamic spirit, stands as a testament to the resilience and valour of its people, particularly the Dogras, whose legacy is etched in the annals of time. The principles of integrity, dignity, and respect from the cornerstone of our community's ethos, guiding us through the ages with unwavering resolve and as custodians of this invaluable legacy, it

is incumbent upon us to safeguard these principles from compromise or erosion. We must remain vigilant in upholding the values that define us, ensuring they endure as a beacon of inspiration for generations, he said Rana asserted that as the custodians of this invaluable heritage, which is a treasure trove of traditions, art, language and valour deserves not just our admiration but it is our collective responsibility to ensure its preservation and propagation for future generations. Rana said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting the diverse cultural tapestry of India encompasses the cherished heritage of the Dogra community. Recognizing the invaluable contributions of Dogra culture to the cultural mosaic of the nation, Prime Minister Modi has championed initiatives aimed at safeguarding and celebrating this rich legacy, he added. "As we stand at this juncture of time, let us all pledge to uphold Dogra heritage with pride and dedication. It is not just a legacy of the past; it is a gift we must nurture and bequeath to posterity with a sense of pride", said Rana, adding that together let us preserve, promote and raise our Dogra heritage to new heights.

Congress remain steady on secularism, equitable development of J&K: Bhalla



Congress candidate for Jammu-Reasi LS seat, Raman Bhalla addressing election rally.

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REASI: The Working President of JKPC and Congress candidate for the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary seat, Raman Bhalla, spoke at various election gatherings in Reasi District, where he observed large public turnouts in favour of Congress candidates.

Bhalla emphasized that Congress is emerging as the top choice for people in the Jammu region due to its secular and democratic principles, contrasting it with what he described as the divisive tactics of the current administration.

"Congress is the only secular, democratic alternative to the present dispensation which believes in divide,

crush and rule. Winds of change are blowing in J&K and Congress is emerging as a first choice in J&K in view of the consistency in its policy and secular credentials," Bhalla said while election gatherings at Shajroo, Maore, Rangli, Badar, Sungri, Chasana, Sanglikot, Kundan in Reasi District.

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FICCI FLO JKL organizes Marathon'24 Run4health to raise funds for TB eradication

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JAMMU: FICCI FLO JKL Chapter organized the Marathon'24 Run4Health in collaboration with the University of Jammu and SMVD Narayana Hospital as health partner, powered by Munjal Auto in the City of Temples on Sunday.

Over 850 runners from all walks of life participated in the half-marathon, with an aim to raise funds for TB eradication in line with the PM's call for "TB Mukht Bharat".

In terms of the number of participants, Run4Health became the most successful marathon in Jammu, eliciting a huge response from serious runners to those participating for promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The District Administration also used the event to create voter awareness under the SVEEP initiative.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor,

University of Jammu who flagged the event early morning from the University campus.

He appreciated the efforts of the FICCI FLO JKL Team for taking the initiative promoting health3y lifestyle and fundraising for the TB patients.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function and presented the medals to the winners including all-terrain bicycles sponsored by Munjal Auto.

He lauded the participants for turning up in large numbers to support a noble cause.

He also felicitated the large number of sponsors for the event. Anusya Jamwal, Additional DM, Jammu urged the participants to exercise their fundamental right to vote and highlighted the SVEEP initiative to energize the voters in the region.

Other dignitaries who



Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu flagging off the Marathon'24 Run4Health from the University campus.

graced the event included Shishir Gupta, Additional DM, Jammu, Ajay Sharma, SP South, Jammu, Ayaz Natoo, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Department of Physical Education, JU, M.M Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVD Narayana Hospital and Dr. J.P Singh, Neurologist, SMVD Narayana Hospital.

Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson, FICCI FLO JKL welcomed the dignitaries and outlined the motive behind organizing the marathon which received great support from the people of Jammu city.

She declared that the proceeds from the marathon shall be donated for the welfare of TB patients, for their medication and nutrition needs.

She expressed gratitude to the dignitaries for their immense support in helping organize a successful event, including the dedicated team of FICCI FLO and a large number of volunteers.

All participants of the marathon received "Goody Bags" containing gifts, which were appreciated by the runners were sponsored by the Department of

Horticulture.

The organizing Committee of the Run4Health marathon included Varuna Anand, Immediate Past Chairperson, FICCI FLO JKL, Arti Chowdhary, Senior Vice Chairperson, Varsha Bansal, Vice Chairperson, Sona Mehta, Treasurer, Pooja Gandotra, Joint Treasurer, Mona Saraf, Secretary, Nandita Sharma and Sagar Suman among the males and Mamta Sharma, Palak Malih and Poonam Agarwal among the females. In the above 40 years category, Ram Raj, Ravinder Sharma and Dinesh Gupta bagged the first three positions respectively while in the female category Dr. Prateeksha Raghuvanshi emerged as the sole winner. In the 10 km marathon, Ritik Sharma, Sakshi Thakur emerged as overall winners in the male and female category respectively. Winners in the Under 40

years category were Anil Mehra, Manmeet Singh Atal and Sunit Kumar among males and Sonia Sharma, Madhu Sharma, Shreeja Slathia in the females. In the above 40 years category Mangat Singh, Hemant Kumar Saini and Amit Yadav bagged the first three positions, while among the females, Neeti Dutt, Shalini Gupta and Sneha Saini finished in the top 3 respectively. In the 5 Km run, overall winners were Gureharan Singh and Shamshad Bano. Winners in the Under 40 years category were Brij Bhushan, Hans Raj and Ajay Kumar among the males, while Anjali Rajput, Sunakshi Thakur and Rachna Sharma emerged the winners among the females. In the above 40 years category, Makhhan Lal, Kapil Arora and Abhishek Sharma finished in the top 3, while Anju Sharma, Enakshi Gupta and Smita Bharti were the podium finishers among the females.