

Congress Party will lose deposit in Jammu-Reasi Parliament Seat: Raina

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SAMBHA: Congress Party will lose its deposit in Jammu-Reasi Parliament Seat, said Ravinder Raina, while he addressed public meetings Rada & Rada, Gho Rakwal, Swankha, Hira Chak, Chowani, Dagh, Avtal, Mahal, Bandral, and Gaghere in Ramgarh Assembly Constituency to seek votes for the BJP's MP candidate from Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma.



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina during public meeting at Sambha.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the people in these meetings, said that the Congress, NC, and PDP enjoyed the mandate of the people but never cared for their welfare. He said that the Congress party on the national level has lost its ground and it's a pity that once the largest political party of the nation, ditched the people in such a manner that the people have decided

to wipe out Congress completely. "Congress in Jammu is known for its corruption and love for the terrorists and the anti-social elements. And the people have also seen the clean governance provided by the Modi government which has dealt the anti-national and anti-social elements with an iron hand and spearheaded the development revolution in the region", Raina

said and added that the Congress Party will lose its deposit in Jammu-Reasi Parliament Seat and the BJP will win this seat with a record margin. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, in his address, recounted the local development works and said that the Modi government is working with the intention of ensuring the welfare of the last person in the society, and the schemes initiated by the Modi government are specifically designed to directly benefit the needy and the neglected in the society. Surjit Singh Salathia, in his address, said that no other party than the BJP led by Modi has done unselfish welfare work for the people. He said that the BJP cadre is the most dedicated team of selfless people in the world who serve society and the nation incessantly.

KVK Kathua celebrates Earth Day

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KATHUA: KVK-Kathua under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu celebrated Earth Day in the premises of KVK, Kathua. The programme was carried out under the Dynamic leadership of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu and overall supervision of Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu. Earth day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. This year the official theme for 2024 is planet vs Plastics. In the daylong event more than 115 students

of Indian Public School interacted with the Scientists of KVK, Kathua. As the world marks Earth Day, participants renewed their commitment to ending the pervasive use of plastics, aiming for a 60% reduction in production by 2040 to safeguard both human and planetary health. At the outset, Dr. Vishal Mahajan Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua welcomed Shrutu Ujla Principal of IPS, Kathua, teachers and students. Further he briefed in his power point presentation about the recycling of waste material and formation of Eco-bricks with the help of plastic bottles. An ecobrick is a plastic bottle densely packed with used plastic to create a reusable building block that achieves plastic sequestration.

He also pointed the means to focus attention on the importance of maintaining a healthy environment for a healthy tomorrow and stressed on controlling pollution to maintaining the environmental issues under control. Dr. Anamika Jamwal Chief Scientist (Plant Protection) discussed the different types of cropping pattern used in agriculture to increase the production and productivity. Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Sr. Scientist (Agricultural Extension) gave the detailed view of different types of activities carried out by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua for the welfare of the farming community. He also stressed on the importance of planting trees to ensure a sustainable environment.

Dr. Vishal Sharma Scientist (Agronomy) briefed the students about the seed processing techniques in different crops. The students also visited the different demonstration units like Azolla Unit, Mushroom Unit, Value Addition Unit, Apiary Unit and Automatic Weather Station Unit. Shrutu Ujla Principal of IPS, Kathua thanked the Scientists and staff of KVK, Kathua for organization of the programme. The queries raised by the students regarding production and protection technologies in agriculture and allied sectors were satisfactorily answered by the scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat.

'Mark the Date' event organised at GDC Ghagwal, SVEEP Head District Samba

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SAMBHA: Under the esteemed guidance of Madam Principal, Dr. Sujata Slathia, and with the leadership of the SVEEP Nodal Head and NSS Program Officer, Dr. Vani Awasthi, Government Degree College Ghagwal organized a successful "Mark the Date" event aimed at raising awareness about the upcoming elections. This event was organised in collaboration with District Election Officer, Mr. Mohammad Sayeed, JKAS, who had very kindly sent drone to take beautiful pictures of the campus holding the important event. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the students of GDC Ghagwal, who actively stepped forward to frame the polling

date for the forthcoming elections. With a spirit of civic responsibility, the students deliberated on the importance of exercising their voting rights and ensuring active participation in the democratic process. The collaborative efforts of the faculty, staff, and students resulted in a fruitful event that not only educated but also inspired the GDC Ghagwal community to mark the date of April 26, 2024, on their calendars as a day of civic duty and participation in the democratic process. The event exemplified the college's commitment to promoting civic engagement and fostering a culture of active citizenship among its students, thereby contributing to the strengthening of democratic values in society.

J&K Bank donates sitting benches to JU's Kathua campus under CSR initiative

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KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir Bank reaffirmed its commitment to education and community development through a generous donation of first lot of 22 benches to the Kathua Campus, University of Jammu under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. With a rich legacy of excellence and community engagement, the J&K bank continues to play a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of the region. It marked a significant milestone in the long-standing partnership between the esteemed University of Jammu and Jammu and Kashmir Bank. The collaboration between Jammu and Kashmir Bank and the University of Jammu underscores the



Bank and JU officials during the CSR programme.

importance of public-private partnerships in advancing education and fostering development. Sanjeev Sharma, Zonal Officer of J&K Bank in Kathua, along with his team members, visited the campus to facilitate the provision of the sitting benches. Their presence underscored the bank's commitment to

the initiative and demonstrated their direct involvement in contributing to the campus environment. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu expressed gratitude for the generous contribution and extended heartfelt thanks to Jammu and Kashmir Bank. He high-

lighted the significance of such initiatives in enriching the campus environment and enhancing the overall academic experience for students. He further added that this initiative will greatly enhance the infrastructure of the campus, providing students with comfortable seating arrangements conducive to their academic pursuits. He emphasized that as a responsible corporate citizen, the bank remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that promote learning, growth, and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir. He also stressed that this gesture underscores Jammu and Kashmir Bank's commitment for supporting educational institutions and investing in the development of the community.

SMVDU organises Telescope Workshop



Students along with faculty members after workshop.

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KATHUA: VYOM-Astronomy Club of SMVDU hosted an enlightening Workshop cum Introductory Session on telescope. The workshop was organised to bring the universe closer to students and astronomy enthusiasts and the event aimed to demystify the complexities surrounding telescopic observations and inspire a deeper appreciation for the night sky. The Workshop cum

Introductory Session on Telescopes was not only an educational experience but also a testament to the growing interest in astronomy among students. It provided a solid foundation for beginners and offered seasoned stargazers new insights into their passion. The Astronomy Club expressed hopes that this event would spark a lasting interest in celestial observations, leading to more such gatherings in the future.

Ankur calls for putting an end to selective State Control of Hindu Temples, Shrines

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NAGROTA: Ekam Sanatan Party's National President and MP Candidate for Jammu Lok Sabha, Advocate Ankur Sharma contesting MP Jammu Elections on "Bansuri/Flute" election symbol, along with his team members, today addressed back to back public gatherings at Nagrota, Kahpota (Jindrah), Shalamar Park Katra & Katra Main Town. Sharma led a frontal attack on selective State Control of Hindu Temples and shrines and demanded that all such institutions under state control should be handed back to the Hindus. He specifically talked about the state control of Mata Vaishno Devi and demanded that Hindu community including our Sadhus



MP Candidate for Jammu Lok Sabha, Advocate Ankur Sharma during public rally at Nagrota.

and Sants should manage and administer the holy shrine. He further stressed that Baridars should be given exclusive rights of worship in the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and their long pending demands of resettlement and rehabilitation including their active participation in managing and

administering of the shrine should be immediately addressed. Hindu Control of Hindu temples is critical for empowerment of Sanatan because the revenue generated from Hindu Shrines can be directly spent for Cow protection, building Sanskrit Vidyalayas, giving a special

financial cover to poor Hindus including free health facilities in Hindu Shrine owned Hospitals. Ankur Sharma in his speeches talked about Political Empowerment of Jammu Province, legislation of a law for Holy Cow's protection, Regularisation of Daily Wagers. Ankur Sharma appealed to vote for Change, for effecting a generational change in leadership and requested everyone to vote in his favour from Jammu Lok Sabha by pressing the "Bansuri" button on EVM. Pertinent to mention that Advocate Ankur Sharma is contesting Lok Sabha Elections from Jammu Lok Sabha on Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal's ticket and the party symbol is "Bansuri/Flute".

Modi Govt developed areas neglected by Congress, NC, PDP: Ashok Koul

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REASI: Laying stress on the hundred percent voting in the polling on the 26th of April at every booth, Ashok Koul asked the party workers to concentrate on winning all the booths in their respective areas. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP accompanied by Pawan Khajuria, BJP Vice-President, Ajay Nanda, former Minister, Arvind Gupta, BJP Secretary & Prabhari Reasi District, Tariq Keen, Secretary, BJP, RS Pathania, BJP Spokesperson, Rohit Dubey, District President, Kuldeep Dubey, S. Pardeep Singh, Seh-Prabhari Reasi District, senior leader BJP, Sheel Magotra, convener Gulabgarh constituency, Sukhdev, Akram Choudhary and other leaders was address-



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP during booth sammelan at Reasi.

ing Polling Booth Sammelans in Mahore, Armas, Reasi and adjoining areas. Ashok Koul, while addressing these Sammelans, said that the polling booth is the primary functional unit of any political activity and the election process. He said that it is the primary step, where the script of win is written for any election. He asked the party cadre to make an advance plan for the polling day and make sure that every voter gets his/her voting slip to avoid any inconvenience. He asked them to make one-to-one contact with all the voters and make

sure that their valuable vote is cast in the favour of the BJP. Koul added that these areas were neglected by the earlier governments led by Congress, NC, and PDP, and the Modi government developed the region with all the infrastructure related to electricity, drinking water, roads, highways, tunnels, bridges, education, health etc. Ashok Koul further said that they must appeal to the voters to vote in their favour so that Jugal Kishore Sharma under the guidance and the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi could boost

the development in the area. Pawan Khajuria said that new projects of Railways, Highways, and road connectivity have been launched in the state and Jammu and Kashmir is competing with the other parts of the country and world as far as infrastructure is concerned. Ajay Nanda said that such a government has never been seen before, and it is essential to understand this and support the Modi government once again in the Lok Sabha elections, realizing the slogan of "Ek Bar Phir Modi Sarkar", he said. Arvind Gupta asked them to appeal to people to support the BJP and form the Modi government for the third consecutive term with more than 400 seats in the Lok Sabha. Kuldeep Dubey said that the Modi government is the government of people and the needy, and belongs to everyone, proving the "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas".

GCW Kathua celebrates World Earth Day 2024

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KATHUA: Govt. Degree College for Women Kathua celebrated World Earth Day 2024. The Department of Environmental Sciences and Hariyali Eco Club organized the event. On this occasion, a documentary on Plastic Pollution in India was screened, focusing on steps to mitigate the menace of plastic pollution. Additionally, a Slogan cum Poster Making Competition on the theme "Planet vs Plastics" was organized, with about 15 students presenting their ideas for saving the environment



Faculty members along with students during the event.

through their posters. Deepthi won the first prize in the Slogan cum Poster Making Competition, while the second and third prizes were awarded to Boomika and Vaishali, respectively. Dr. Savi Behl, GDCW Kathua, presided over the event and emphasized the adoption of recyclable carry bags instead of plastics, along with maintaining a clean and green college campus. Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, HOD Environmental Sciences and Convener of Hariyali Eco Club, coordi-

nated the event and delivered a lecture on Plastic Waste Management for a sustainable future. Dr. Seema Jolly, HOD Home Science, and Dr. Renu, HOD Mathematics, served as jury members for the Slogan cum Poster Making Competition. The event received full cooperation from Prof. Yash Paul, Prof. Karam Chand, Prof. Sachin Jeet Singh, and Prof. Surbhi Gupta. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Usha Kiran, HOD, Biotechnology.

Army carries out tree plantation drive

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KISHTWAR: Indian Army highlighted its commitment to environmental stewardship and strategic perception management through a tree plantation drive at village Chingam of Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir. This initiative underscores the Indian Army's multifaceted approach towards fostering goodwill and sustainability. The drive not only aimed at enhancing the local ecosystem but also served as a proactive measure in shaping positive perceptions among the populace. By

actively engaging in environmental conservation efforts, the Indian Army continues to strengthen bond with communities and reinforce its image as a responsible and caring organisation. A total of 37 residents and school children actively participated during drive, symbolizing a collective effort towards environmental stewardship. This drive was highly appreciated by the residents and civil authority, and was evident from their overwhelming response. The residents expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army.



Police, Armed Police, CAPF carry out route march

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R.S.PURA: Various route marches were conducted in Headquarters Zone of Jammu District, which comprises Subdivision RS Pura, under the close supervision of SSP Jammu and SP Hqrs Jammu in the jurisdictions of PS R.S.Pura, & Border Police Post Chakroi. All the territorial officers including SDPO, SHO and IC BPP participated in the route march along with Jammu and Kashmir Armed police and CAPF officers/officials. The Route marches are part of standard security measures to ensure safety and order during elections, and to instill in the voters a sense of confidence. These marches help in familiarizing security personnel with the area and enhancing their readiness to handle any potential that may eventually arise, and to mitigate the security threats during the electoral



Officials during route march at R S Pura.

process. It is pertinent to mention that Headquarters zone has a length of more than 60 km International Border, and moreover these exercises helps in better understanding of the area and developing intelligence gathering, in advance. Visible presence of security forces through route marches can deter criminal elements and instill confidence among the public,

encouraging greater participation. Further these route marches facilitate coordination and teamwork, synergy among the forces, gathered from different wings. Marches serve as a visible reminder of the importance of security and safety during elections and ensuring a secure and peaceful environment for elections, which is essential for upholding the democratic principles of free and fair voting.

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