

Jugal felicitated at Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Center

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As the stage for the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections is set, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders in Jammu South have accelerated their poll blitz to garner maximum support from voters in different locations of both constituencies in District Jammu South.

Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha MP Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma along with BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, senior leader Rajeev Charak also felicitated by Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Centre in Trikuta Nagar.

Shubhchander Verma, Baldev Raj Gupta, Ashok Gupta and other senior citizens and others, the supreme leadership, including the BJP unit, participated in the multiple mega rallies to woo the voters.

Thereafter, MP candidate



Jammu Reasi LS MP Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma during election campaign.

Jugal Sharma and Rekha Mahajan address the public gathering.

Jugal said, as per the schedule, voting in Jammu South in both constituencies will be held on April 26 in the second phase.

He expressed confidence that the BJP would win with a strong majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

Jugal asserted that the country's 80 crore poor found respectable space in society under BJP rule under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and to fulfill all the other goals, the BJP will form the government for the third time with a strong majority.

While speaking at a meet-

ing with the representatives of various social organizations, Jugal stated that PM Modi's vision for India as a "Vishwa Guru(world leader) global order.

Rekha Mahajan said the entire opposition is uniting to remove Prime Minister Modi, while on the other hand, PM Modi has only one slogan "development of the nation".

Rekha noted that since independence, the Congress has worked to divide society. It has created four sores of corruption, casteism, nepotism, and terrorism, whereas PM Modi has freed the country from all these.

She highlighted the consecration at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the abrogation of Article 370, the 33 percent reservation for women, and the law on triple talaq as achievements of the Modi government.

While addressing the voters, BJP leader Rekha Mahajan furthermore added that today, the standard of living of poor people in the country has improved; we do not say this, the IMF report says. The opposition alliance in the country has no vision for the future, whereas PM Modi has a track record of 10 years and a vision of 50 years," she said.

Hyundai inaugurates new dealership in J&K



Dignitaries at inauguration of 'Fairdeal Automotive Hyundai' at Greater Kailash.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL), country's first smart mobility solutions provider and the largest exporter since inception, on Tuesday inaugurated a new facility of 'Fairdeal Automotive Hyundai' situated at NH 44, Greater Kailash, here.

Promoted by Saleem Bakshi and Rohit Gandotra, Fairdeal Automotive Hyundai is a State-of-the-Art facility spread across a total built up area of approx 36,800 sq.ft. (7,800 sq.ft. showroom and 29,000 sq.ft. workshop).

Commenting on the opening of the new Dealership, Yoon Bok Hwang, Advisor Group -North Zone, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. and Anish Agarwal, Zonal Business Head, North zone said, "Jammu is one of the most important markets for Hyundai Motor India. We are glad to inaugurate new facility of our dealer partner, Fairdeal Automotive Hyundai" which will take our showroom network to 601 in India. We believe 'Fairdeal Automotive Hyundai' will further strengthen our presence in the state to meet the growing demand for Hyundai products. Being a State-of-the-Art facility, it will continue to provide prompt and efficient sales & service to our valued customers adding Quality Time for a happy life".

Retirees Police League District Jammu holds monthly meeting to address key issues



Retirees Police League District Jammu members during a meeting on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The monthly meeting of the Retirees Police League District Jammu was held on Tuesday, chaired by Karanjit Singh, the President of the league.

Several important issues were discussed during the meeting, including discrepancies in pay and pension among police personnel of the same ranks, the provision of free medicines to retirees in all hospitals, particularly police hospitals, excessive deductions from pension for commuted

Harnit Sudan interacts with IAS/JKAS aspirants

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) organised an interaction-cum-workshop for the aspirants in the college premises at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Tuesday.

The session was taken by Harnit Singh Sudan, student of SR College who has qualified the UPSC examination 2023.

While interacting with the aspirants, Harnit shared his journey right from the beginning when he joined the institute when the idea of civil services struck to his mind and he started preparing for the same.

He shared in detail his strategy for the competitive examinations, the problems he faced and how the institute (SR College) helped him through his preparation.

He discussed in detail the syllabus, various papers of General Studies, Optionals



UPSC qualifier Harnit Singh Sudan interacting with IAS/JKAS aspirants at SRCC, Jammu.

and the Essay Papers.

All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for Prelims and Mains, sources of study material and the books required, use of online sources, need for coaching and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing for the current affairs and writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered comprehensively to the satisfaction of the aspirants.

He discussed the entire syllabus, the focus areas and the kind of questions asked in the previous year's papers were also taken up. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers.

Further, aspirants clarified their confusions about the ethics, integrity and aptitude paper and the approach to handle the theory and the case studies part. Aspirants were suggested to at least attend one or two comprehensive test series for both prelim and mains examinations.

He also motivated the students about answer writing practice on a regular basis. He also shared the details of his UPSC interview/ personality test.

The response to the workshop was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative taken by the SR College of Competitions.

The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS 2024 & 25 & JKAS 2024 and JKAS 2025 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years.

"Such interactions encourage, motivate and inculcate a sense of confidence in the aspirants that if he can do it why can't we" told Parveen Sharma, Director of SR College.

"SR College keeps on organising such online and offline workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts.

Ex-CAPF Welfare Assoc holds annual function, forms district committees

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ex-Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association Jammu and Kashmir (UT) celebrated its 12th Annual Day at Baba Makhana Shah Lubana Hall, Kotli Shah Doula, R S Pura, here today wherein various demands and problems of the retired Paramilitary personnel were highlighted. The programme started with paying floral tributes to the soldiers who were martyred in terrorist attacks. Ex-personnel from Paramilitary forces, their family members and dependents were also present in the meeting.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Ashok Kumar while on the occasion Chief Patron Harinder Mahajan and Chief Guest, Dalip Kumar Ex-BDC Chairman honoured the Veer Naris and Ex-Central Paramilitary force personnel. On the occasion, Chairman All



Ex-CAPF Welfare Association members and other dignitaries honouring a Veer Nari.

India Confederation of Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces, V.K Sharma highlighted day to day problems being faced by the paramilitary force personals.

He advocated for One Rank One Pension (DROP), improving medical facilities to be on par with those provided to Army personnel, access to CSD canteen facilities, universalization of facilities and assistance to Ex-Servicemen at par with those provided to personnel across India, including the provision of Rs 8500 assistance for the cremation of Ex-Servicemen from Paramilitary forces, especially noting the lack of funds provided by BSF units in J&K.

President CAPF Punjab, P.S. Sandhu emphasized the central government's negligence towards the burning demands of Ex-Servicemen.

Additionally, General Secretary CPMF J&K UT, D.K Chauhan highlighted the imposition of maximum GST in the master canteen by the government and urged the Lt. Governor to reduce

exercise duty in J&K (UT), particularly for Ex-Servicemen of paramilitary forces.

At the conclusion of the event, district committees of the Ex-Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association were formed with the consent of participants, under the supervision of stakeholders present, including Harbans Lal Sharma, Vice President (CPMF); Noor Muhammad, General Secretary District Samba; P.S. Sandhu, President Punjab Association; Nirmal Singh Mann, Comdet. Chairman (GSP); Manbir Katoch, National Spokesman (HP); M.L. Thakur, Chief Patron Ex-CAPF (HP); Sajawal Shah, District Kupwara; Naseer Ahmed Khan, District Baramulla; Mohd Ashraf Lone, District Bandipora; and Farooq Ahmed, District Anantnag.

Rajni Bala highlights significance of women's role in shaping future of Nation

Urges women to support & vote Raman Bhalla on April 26



Senior Congress leader, Rajni Bala campaigning for Raman Bhalla.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rajni Bala, a senior Congress leader and former councillor, organized a meeting of women folk in the Jammu North Assembly segment with an aim to garner support for the Congress candidate, Raman Bhalla, in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The meeting brought together women from diverse backgrounds, representing various sections of society.

Rajni Bala highlighted the significance of their role in shaping the future of the nation.

During the meeting, the senior Congress leader threw light on the pressing issues faced by women and underscored the need for strong representation and dedicated leadership to address their concerns.

She expressed confidence in Raman Bhalla's ability to champion the cause of women's rights, welfare, and development.

Rajni Bala urged all those present to actively engage in spreading awareness about the Congress party's vision and the positive impact it can have on the lives of women and the community as a whole. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of women exercising their voting rights to ensure a brighter and inclusive future for all.

She urged the women of Jammu North Assembly segment to come forward and vote in favour of Congress Candidate Raman Bhalla.

JU's Research Journal "Tasalsul" figures in UGC-CARE List

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "Tasalsul"- the research journal of Urdu, Department of Urdu, University of Jammu (JU), has achieved the remarkable distinction of being the first journal from the University to be included in the UGC-CARE list.

This milestone reflects the journal's commitment to excellence and its significant contribution to the academic landscape.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU commended Prof Shohab Inayat Malik, Head of the Department of Urdu and Editor-in-Chief of "Tasalsul" for this achievement.

He expressed optimism that the journal will continue to garner recognition and acclaim within the Urdu scholarly community worldwide.

Started in 1998 by the then HoD Prof Zahur-ud-Din, "Tasalsul" has been publishing high-quality research papers biannually, earning admiration from students, scholars, and professors across Indian universities.

Under the headship of Prof Shohab Inayat Malik, the journal has produced several noteworthy special editions, including the Manuscript Number, Sir Sayeed Number, Rasa Javedani Number, Urdu in the 21st Century, Faiz Ahmed Faiz Number, and Sadat Hussain Mantoo Number.

These editions have received widespread acclaim within the Urdu literary sphere.

The journey to securing a place in the UGC-CARE list began three years ago under the headship of Prof Mohd Reyaz Ahmad.

CVPPPL signs term loan agreement with REC Ltd



CVPPPL and REC Ltd representatives signing term loan agreement.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chenab Valley Power Project Private Limited (CVPPPL), Joint Venture of NHPC Ltd (51%) and JKSPDC (49%), on Tuesday signed an Agreement with REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise and leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power, for financial assistance of Rs 1869.265 Crore as Term Loan.

As per the agreement, the Loan will be utilized for Development, Construction and Operation of Green field Kiru Hydro Electric Project (4x156 MW) on River Chenab located in Kishtwar District of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Agreement has been signed at Corporate Office of CVPPPL in Jammu, in the presence of Ramesh Mukhiya, Managing Director, Vasant Hurnmade, GM (C&P), Sanjay Kumar Gupta, GM (Finance), from CVPPPL and Pramod Kumar Soti, Rishabh Jain from REC Ltd among other key officials from both organizations.

GGM Science College celebrates World Earth Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Environmental Sciences and NSS units of GGM Science College celebrated World Earth Day. Sanjeev Arora, CEO of Regional and Urban Development Agency (RUDA) was the resource person. He shared valuable insights into plastic hazards and management strategies, engaging and enlightening students.

Principal, Rajesh Kumar Gupta commended the organisers for their proactive efforts in organising such impactful events, underscoring the college's commitment to environmental awareness and action, with students at the forefront of the movement.

Dr. Arti sharma, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences highlighted the significance of Earth day.

Dr Shafia and Prof. Kiran Bala with their presence showing support for environmental initiatives.

Dr Neha Sharma carried out the proceedings of the programme.



GGM Science College students and faculty celebrating World Earth Day.

Gaurav calls for maximum participation in LS Polls to realize vision of Viksit Bharat

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, urged people to actively participate in the upcoming second phase of Lok Sabha polls in the Jammu region.

With the Lok Sabha elections for democracy, Gaurav emphasized the paramount importance of citizens exercising their voting rights.

He stressed that robust participation is not only a civic duty but also a fundamental aspect of ensuring representative governance.

In his statement issued here today, Gaurav Gupta urged the people to meticulously evaluate the credentials and agendas of political parties vying for their support.

He emphasized the significance of backing only those parties and candidates whose actions and policies align with the broader interests of



the nation.

"As responsible citizens, it is imperative that we cast our votes thoughtfully and discerningly. We must support only political entities that are dedicated to serving the nation's best interests and upholding the values of democracy and progress," he added.

As the second phase of Lok Sabha polls approaches, Gaurav Gupta urges all residents of Jammu region to exercise their franchise judiciously and contribute towards fostering a vibrant and inclusive democratic process, in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat.