

# Former Mayor seeks votes for BJP candidate

'Vote to BJP candidate will strengthen nation, vote to wrong candidate may push nation to unrest'

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former JMC Mayor and senior BJP leader, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday said that it was only PM Modi led government which gave political empowerment to tribal Gujjars by reserving nine Assembly seats for the community.

Addressing a public gathering at Ragoora area near Sidhra in the outskirts of Jammu, Sharma sought votes for BJP candidate, Jugal Kishore Sharma contesting Lok Sabha elections from Jammu-Samba-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency.

"Any vote in favour of BJP candidate will strengthen the hands of PM Modi which will pave the way for third term to Modi to helm the affairs of the country for taking the largest democracy of the world to newer heights," Rajinder said.

He said that it was PM Modi led government which gave political reservation to PoJK refugees by reserving one Legislative Assembly seat for them. "Kashmiri Pandits also got political



Former JMC Mayor Rajinder Sharma at public meeting.

reservation by this government as two Assembly seats have been reserved for them while the Pahari people of J&K got the status of Scheduled Tribes under the

regime of PM Modi," former Mayor maintained.

He asked the people to vote overwhelmingly on April 26, 2024 in favour of BJP candidate to strengthen the hands of PM Modi.

"A vote in favour of BJP candidate will strengthen the nation while vote in favour of wrong candidate may push the country to uncertainty, seams and unrest," the senior BJP leader continued.

He also counted achievements of PM Modi led government like soft landing on moon, manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccine within India, Ayushman Card facility for extending medical benefits up to Rs. 5 lakh to all the people of the country and much more.

Sharma said that in third term PM Modi will accomplish the unaccomplished tasks and will take the nation to newer heights.

Abdul Hameed, Kasim Din, Mohd Butta, Haji Noor Ahmed and Murad Ali were also present.

# People have decided in favour of Modi Govt, Jugal will be representing Jammu in Parliament again: Darakhshan

## STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: BJP National Executive Member & Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday addressed an election rally at Mahore Panchayat Kansoli in Reasi for BJP Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma.

Dr Darakhshan was accorded warm welcome by the local BJP leaders on her arrival at Kansoli Mahore.

Amid rousing sloganeering, Dr Andrabi led the rally in which a large gathering of people participated.

In her address, Andrabi said that the nation acknowledges the developmental achievements of last



Chairperson JKW Dr Darakhshan Andrabi at election rally.

ten years of Modi government and compares it with the era of corruption, of loot of national resources and divisive politics of Congress and it's like mind-ful allies.

"The people have decided to continue Modi Sarkar this time also and BJP and NDA will return to power with much more strength this time. People will vote BJP for Viksit Bharat and

send Jugal Kishore Sharma once again to Parliament with more votes", said BJP National Executive Member.

She said that the performance of Jugal Kishore at ground level as MP has been tremendous.

State Secretary BJP Tariq Keen, ST Moreha Incharge Haji Mohd Yousif, Executive Officer JK Waqf Board Mohd Akhlaq Choudhary, Mailla Moreha General Secretary Distt Reasi Reenu Bala, Ex. Sarpanch Mohd Aslam, Ex. Sarpanch Zakir Hussain, Mandal Pardhan Bansi Lal, Haji Lal Din, Minority Morcha BJP leaders Mushtaq Malik & Showkat Hussain were also present in the rally.

# ADGP Jammu conducts security review meeting at Reasi

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone Jammu, Anand Jain, on Wednesday visited Reasi district and held a meeting at DPO Reasi to oversee election preparedness. The ADGP Jammu was accompanied by DIG UR Range Rayees Mohd Bhat, SSP Reasi and other senior Police officers of district



ADGP, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting.

Reasi. During the meeting, the ADGP Jammu advised the officers to continue their efforts, to work with dedica-

tion and strict adherence to duties ensuring free and fair polling process and urged the officers to be vigilant in addressing any concerns that may arise. SSP Reasi, Mohita Sharma gave a detailed presentation on the election preparedness, deployment plan and the induction plan. She briefed the ADGP Jammu regarding the election preparedness including security plan, transport and communication plan and the functioning of SSTs and FSTs and coordination efforts to ensure

a successful election process. Meanwhile, Anand Jain convened a briefing session with all Zonal Officers (ZO) currently deployed for election duties in Reasi.

Among others, Addl. SP Reasi Iftkhar Ahmed, Addl. SP Katra Vipan Chandran, DySP hqrs Reasi Neeraj Padayar besides other Police officers attended the meeting.

# Pledge taking ceremony under SVEEP held



Pledge taking ceremony under SVEEP Program being held at Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

JAMMU: A pledge taking ceremony, under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, was on Wednesday held in the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) here. Director Health Services, Dr. Rakesh Magotra along

with DD Planning, CAO, DNO, AD Schemes, AD HEB, CoS, CMO Jammu, and all Officers/Officials from Directorate and CMO office participated in oath taking ceremony and pledged to actively promote and encourage employees to actively participate in elections. The initiative aimed to

inform employees about the importance of voting and encouraging them to exercise their democratic right. A rally was also taken out within the premises of Directorate to promote awareness regarding the importance of voting to exercise every individual's democratic right.

# JIAR celebrates Freshers Day "Neo Fiesta 2024"

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JIAR celebrates Freshers Day "Neo Fiesta 2024". The students of 2nd Prof BAMS and 1st Prof BAMS showcased their talents through various activities like singing competition, games, songs, and dance performances.

The judges announced Hitisha and Anayath as Miss and Mr Fresher's. The 2nd Prof Students also arranged for a lovely gift for the freshers having a title for the juniors.

Such interactive events are helpful



in grooming the students and allowing the freshers to adapt to the premises.

# ICCR Jammu celebrates 75th Foundation Day

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu & Kashmir celebrated the 75th Foundation Day within the premises of Regional Passport Office, Jammu. On this occasion, a cultural programme was presented by Rattan Lal Shugal & his team members. The event began with a warm facili-

tation done by Rajesh Kumar Regional Director, ICCR, J&K by presenting bouquet to the artistes.

Today's performance was started with traditional Punjabi and Dogri folk songs by Rattan Lal Shugal & his team members. These artists were equally supported by Subash Chander (Dolki), Ram Dayal (Dhol), Raju (Matka), Nirmal Kumar (Khajri), Ramesh Kumar (Pad).



## 2 absconders arrested

### STATE TIMES NEWS

Handwara: Police on Wednesday arrested 2 absconders who were evading their arrest from last 25 years.

Warrant under section 512 CrPC issued by court of CJM Handwara pending with Police Station Handwara against 02 accused persons namely Jahangir Ahmad Shah son of Sonaulah Shah resident of Hamlapati Rajpora involved in case FIR no 197/1999 u/s 354,452,456, RPC of PS Handwara and Mohd Kamal Mir son of Habibullah Mir resident of Nichama Zachaldara involved in case FIR no 67/1996 u/s 04 explosive substance act of PS Handwara.

Both the arrested accused persons evading their arrest from last 25 years. The arrests were made by Police team led by IC PP Zachaldara under the supervision of SDPO Handwara. Subsequently, the arrested accused persons were produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law.

## Notorious drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

### STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Police on Wednesday arrested a notorious drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

Acting on specific input, a police party of PP Lassipora seized 06 Kgs of cannabis powder covered with polyethene bags hidden within plastic buckets, near the wall of a cowshed. The accused person involved in this illicit activity has been identified as Ghulam Nabi Bhat son of Assadulla Bhat resident of Pipetpora Lassipora. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated.

## 15 notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA/KULGAM: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked 15 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla & Kulgam after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority.

In Baramulla, the notorious drug smugglers namely Bashrat Ahmad Raina son of Abdul Lateef resident of Salamabad Uri, Changez Khan son of Muneer Hussain resident of Bandi Uri, Manzoor Ahmad Lone alias Munna son of Gh Mohammad resident of Lachipora Bijhama, Nazam Din Bhatti son of Karam Din resident of Madiyan Kamalkote, Syed Mehtab Hussain son of Syed Azad Hussain resident of Parapeelan Uri, Inuran Ahmad Khan son of Mohd Zaman resident of Noorkhah, Ashiq Hussain Parry alias Elahi son of Abdul Razak resident of Lawaypora HMT, Altaf Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Malpora Sopore, Amir Subhan Malla son of Mohd Subhan resident of Watergam Wagoora & Sahil Ahmad Reshi son of Abdul Samad resident of Chanpora Kunzer has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Meanwhile in Kulgam, the notorious drug smugglers namely Mohd Ramzan Sheikh alias Ramm Sheikh son of Jamal Sheikh resident of Wanpora Khudwani, Arif Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Hamid Bhat resident of Brazloze Jageer, Firdous Ahmad Sheikh son of Mohd Yousuf Sheikh resident of Manchewa Yaripora, Shahid Ahmad Bhat son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat resident of Brazloze Jageer and Hilal Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Nabi Dar resident of Malwan Devsar have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against these drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of respective districts. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

## 3 vehicles seized, Rs 42,500 fine imposed on violators

### STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Police along with other law enforcement authorities conducted a rig-

orous Naka checking operation near Pinglena, resulting in significant actions against violations related to transportation of materials. A total of 14 vehicles found carrying excess material have been handed over to the Geology and Mining Department for imposition of fines.

Additionally, three vehicles discovered to be operating without proper challans were seized during the operation. These vehicles have also been transferred to the Geology and Mining Department for further legal proceedings. As a result of the enforcement actions taken, a total fine amounting to Rs 42,500 has been imposed on the violators. Three vehicles operating without proper challans have been seized for transporting materials.

## Notorious criminal slapped PSA

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In order to curb the criminal activities in the district, Samba Police under the overall supervision of SSP Samba Vinay Kumar detained and lodged in jail notorious criminal Shiv Dayal alias Sunny under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The notorious criminal Shiv Dayal alias Sunny, son of Rajinder Kumar, resident of Chohala Kothey, tehsil R.S Pura, district Jammu A/P Ward No. 06, TeliBasti Bari Brahmana, district Samba has been involved in a number of criminal cases registered against him at Police Stations of district Samba & district Jammu viz. PS Bari Brahmana, PS Samba, PS Arnia, PS Miran Sahib, PS Gangyal, and PS R.S Pura. His criminal activities have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquillity.

Following his repeated engagement in criminal activities, detention order was issued by the District Magistrate Samba based on detailed dossier prepared by SSP Samba. The police team led by SHO PS Bari Brahmana successfully executed the warrant, detained the notorious criminal Shiv Dayal @ Sunny and lodged in District Jail Kathua.

This successful operation shows the commitment of Samba Police towards ensuring safety of the public and its resolve to counter criminal activities.

## 5 vehicles seized in samba for illegal mining

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining in the district, Samba Police has seized five vehicles in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and Police Station Ghagwalwhich were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by Incharge Police Post Mansar, Incharge Police Post RakhAmb/Tali, Incharge Police Post Supwal and Incharge Police Post Rajpurawhile performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08K-9721, JK14K-6977, JK02CV-4842, JK08K-9373 and one tractor trolleybearing registration No. JK21D-3997 for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 2 smugglers arrested

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has foiled a bovine smuggling attempt during the early morning hours in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued four bovines.

A police party of Police Station Samba headed by SHO PS Samba during vehicle checking at surprise Naka established at Diani, signalled to stop a Mahindra load carrier bearing registration No. JK21H-1901 coming fromKathua side for its checking. The driver instead of stopping the vehicle, accelerated the speed and hit the vehicle with road divider causing an accident. On checking, four bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Basharat Ali, son of Reham Ali, resident of Bariya Camp Supwal and Muneer Hussain, son of Khema, resident of Rakh Barotia Vijaypur have been arrested.

A case FIR No. 113/2024 U/S 188/279/337 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

## Missing lady traced, reunited with family

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Kathua Police reunited one missing lady with her family members in the J/D of PP Nagri Parole.

As per complainant, On January 3, 2024 a complaint was lodged at Police Post Nagri Parile regarding one missing woman resident of Tarf Pain Nagri Tehsil Nagri and District Kathua, accordingly a missing report was entered and search was started to trace out the missing woman.

On April 24, 2024 A police team headed by IC PP Nagri under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua after hectic efforts and traced out the missing lady and missing report has been closed today. Meanwhile, after completing legal formalities, the traced out lady was handed over to her legal heirs.

## Notorious bovine smuggler booked under PSA

### STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In a decisive move against the persistent menace of bovine smuggling, the Poonch Police has successfully booked a notorious individual involved in the smuggling of bovines in the district. Saif Din, son of Qamar Din, hailing from the Chandak village of Tehsil Haveli, District Poonch, has been identified as a key figure in the nefarious network of bovine smuggling.

Saif Din's involvement in multiple cases related to bovine smuggling and violations of the Prevention of Cruelty Act has been documented across various Police Stations within the district. Despite repeated encounters with the law, Saif Din has displayed a flagrant disregard for legal norms, persisting in his unlawful activities. His unrepentant actions have earned him the dubious distinction of being the principal kingpin of the bovine smuggling nexus in the district, with connections extending to the Valley and neighboring districts.

The continued engagement of Saif Din in bovine smuggling has emerged as a significant challenge for law enforcement authorities in maintaining peace and order.

In response to the escalating threat posed by Saif Din's activities, the District Magistrate Poonch has issued a detention order under the Public Safety Act (PSA) on the recommendation of District Police Poonch. This decisive action underscores the commitment of Poonch Police to curb illegal practices and uphold the rule of law in the region.

## 16 chronic drug peddlers booked, lodged in jail

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a major action against chronic drug peddlers and to tighten noose against their acts, Jammu and Kashmir police in Rajouri district has booked sixteen of such peddlers under preventive sections of law and have lodged them in jail after warrants issued by Executive Magistrate.

Police said that a special drive was launched against the drug paddlers who have been on various occasions booked in various drugs related activities.

These peddlers, also referred to as chronic peddlers, have been taken into preventive custody and booked U/Ss 107/110/151 CrPC and were produced before the Executive Magistrate from where they have been lodged in District jail Dhangri.

These people are Munshi Khan son of Khan Mohd resident of Dhani Dhar Rajouri, Abrar Ahmed son of Mohd Shabir resident of Badhana Darhal, Mohd Salim son of Maqbool Hussain resident of Bathuni Rajouri, Mohd Arshad son of Faqir Din resident of Nagrota Rajouri, Asif ul Rehman son of Mohd Bashir resident of Nadian, at present Kheora, Shahbaz Ahmed son of Mohd Kabir resident of Kheora, Zulfqar Ahmed son of Mohd Rafiq resident of Bela colony Rajouri, Jia Hind son of Ram Briksh resident of Ghurakh Pur, Seba son of Sarma resident of Hata Damu MP, Rajesh Kumar son of Baghula resident of Bada Malera Chatarpur MP, Ravi Kumar son of Keas Naryaran resident of Khajani Ghurakhpur, Mohd Razak son of Mohd Iqbal resident of Phalni Budhal, Raj Kumar son of Brij Lal Chouhan resident of Gayahat Ghurakhpur, Khadam Hussain son of Mir Hussain resident of Fatehpur, Gorav Sharma son of Madan Lal resident of Agrati Rajouri and Deepak Kumar son of Ashok Kumar resident of Agrati Rajouri. Police said that this action against chronic drug peddlers shall remain continue in future also.

## LS elections: VPN services suspended in Rajouri

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: The authorities on Wednesday ordered the immediate suspension of VPN services till the end of the Lok Sabha elections in Rajouri district. The decision to suspend virtual private networks (VPNs) was taken as a preventive measure to protect information on the Lok Sabha elections and other sensitive data from cyber attacks. Additional District Magistrate (Rajouri) Rajeev Kumar Khajuria said in an order.

"Whereas, a communication has been received from the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police (Rajouri) regarding unprecedented high usage of VPNs during the past few days in different parts of this district by scores of suspicious Internet users," the order mentioned.

"Whereas, VPN transmits get encrypted and creates point to point tunnel, masks IP address and lets sidestep website blocks and firewall on Internet thus making data related to forthcoming Lok Sabha elections and other sensitive data vulnerable to cyber attacks," it added while announcing the suspension of all VPN services in mobile phones in the district till the end of the election process.