Ravinder Raina discusses election strategy with BJP workers in Kashmir



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina chairing workers meeting at Srinagar.

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Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP discussed Parliament election strategy with BJP Workers in Kashmir for the Rajouri Parliament Seat, Srinagar Seat, and Parliament Baramulla Parliament

Sunil Sharma, General Secretary, J&K BJP, along with Rafiq Wani, Sofi Yusif, GM Mir, Altaf Thakur, Dr. Ali Mohd Mir, Arif Rajouri, Anwar Khan, Mir Mushtaq,

Dr. Farida Khan, Javid Abid Hussain, Rumaiysa Wani, Showket Gayour, Former MLC Mohd Rafiq Shah BJP District Presidents Ashok Bhat, Whajat Hussain, Mohd. Yusif Bhat, Mohd. Latif Bhat, Zubair Ganai, Gazi Rohulla, Mohd. Amin Shah, Naseer Lone, Javid Qureshi, Raja Waqar were also present on the occa-

Ravinder Raina, while discussing the party strategy said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed the lives of Kashmiri vouth. He said that the Modi government has given pace to the much anticipated and desired development by the locals. He said that now, the big business houses are coming to Kashmir, infrastructure is being developed and peace is being established thus putting the development wheel on the track

Congress, PDP demonized Kashmir, and demeaned the Kashmiris. They pushed the Kashmiri youth to blood bath and darkened their future by handing those stones and grenades. Kashmiri culture is known for one of the best hospitality gestures in the entire world, but these political parties made the world fear with their poisoned words for their own selfish interests", said Ravinder Raina. Raina insisted that it is necessary to stop these parties from coming to power by exposing the misdeeds of these selfish organizations. He asked the party leaders and cadres from Kashmir to work in these Parliamentary elections to strengthen the democracy and ask the people to vote to rule out the dynastic politics and show these parties that Kashmir people have chosen the development model of Modi government rejecting the hatred model of NC,

Heritagean Puneesh dominates 5th National Open Ranking Speed Skating C'ship



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Puneesh Puri, a prodigious talent from Class 8th D of Heritage School, has once again showcased his remarkable skills in the skating rink by clinching two Gold medals and one Silver at the 5th National Open Ranking

MANTHAN-2024: revitalizing NCC in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh

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JAMMU: of Jammu, Directorate Kashmir, and Ladakh to organize MANTHAN-2024, a dynamic two-day event set to take place in May 2024.

held in Amritsar from April 25

Organized by the Roller

Skating Federation of India,

the championship witnessed

fierce competition from talent-

ed skaters across the nation.

Puneesh's exceptional perform-

ance earned him accolades as

he secured Silver medal in

500+ D Rink Race, and

soared to victory with Gold

medals in the 1000 m Rink

Race and 1500 m Road

Puneesh's success adds yet

another chapter to his

remarkable winning streak,

solidifying his position as one

of the brightest prospects in

the realm of speed skating

not only in Jammu but at the

The entire Heritage School

Fraternity extends its heart-

felt congratulations to him on

his well-deserved success.

National level too.

It aims to Realign and bring all stakeholders on the same Platform, With the intent of empowering NCC Cadets to become potential Leaders and responsible citizens.

This groundbreaking initiative will foster freewheeling discussions, harnessing the power of lateral thinking to address challenges and pioneer innova-

tive solutions for the NCC. Attendees will include representatives from the NCC across Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, ensuring diverse perspectives and comprehensive insights. MANTHAN-2024 promises to be a transformative event, shaping the future of the NCC in the region and beyond.

Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva, Additional Director General NCC is sanguine of positive outcomes from this ini-

Court awards five years imprisonment to School van driver in POCSO

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JAMMU: Special Judge Fast Track Court POCSO YP Sharma awarded five years imprisonment to van driver of a school in POCSO Act.

According to the police case that accused Happy Kumar was working as a driver of school van of school Kidzee Roop Nagar, Jammu employed by Contractor Kuldeep Kumar PW No. 3 with vehicle (Van) bearing no. JK02BT-5207 engaged by school for carrying children from the school, Chinore, Roop Nagar, Jammu to their homes and vice versa.

As per allegations based on the testimony of the victim (minor), age about 5 year, the alleged accused used to take her home from school and from home to school in his Van bearing no. JK02BT-5207 and during which time the victim child used to be sexually abused by the accused who allegedly used to touch her inappropriately places.

Special Judge Fast Track Court POCSO YP Sharma after hearing Special PP Anil Magotra for the UT whereas Adv Anmol Sharma for the accused observed that the evidence of the victim child is sufficient to hold that accused committed the offence of sexual assault upon the victim child by touching her vagina, cheeks, breast from time to time and last sexual assault was on September 24, 2019 but the victim child has not stated anything in her court deposition about inserting finger in her vagina by the accused though she stated the same in her 164 Cr.PC statement during invesbut since the Aforesaid fact has not come in the deposition of child before the court, therefore, offence of penetrative sexual assault as defined under section 3 Clause (b) punishable interms of section 4 is not at all made out but definitely the offence of sexual assault as defined under section 7 read with section 9 clause (m) i.e. aggravated sexual assault stands fully proved from the deposition of main victim of sexual assault i.e. child of tender age which is also supported from the evidence of other supporting evidence of doctor, mother of vic-

after the failure of the school authorities to take any action. The other relevant facts stands proved from the other witness Babli Maid, School Principal also corroborated the important facts about accused to be the driver and taking the victim to school from home and vice-versa. The IO proved his investigation and supports the prosecu-

Hence, there is no doubt in the mind of the court about the commission of offence under section 9(m) by the accused read with section 7 of the POCSO Act which is punishable in-terms of section 10 of the POCSO Act. Hence, accused is convicted for commission of offence under section 9 (m) read with section 7 punishable interms of section 10 of the POCSO Act.

Court further observed that in the case in hand, convict has been found to have committed the offence of aggravated sexual assault punishable with maximum punishment of seven years. Similarly, the offence is against the society and committed against the minor victim of tender age of about five years and perhaps it is the first reported case of a school van driver. Therefore, message has to go to all the school van drivers and deterrence is need of the hour but at the same time, it has to be kept in mind that the allegation against the petitioner is of touching the minor child inappropriately and serious charge of penetrative sexual assault could not be proved for want of evidence from the victim. The accused though found to have committed the offence against a minor child but he is father of one minor girl and has liability of his parents besides his wife and he is the only earning member of the Hence considering family. all these factors and mitigating circumstances projected by the accused and he being first time offender, keeping in mind the totality of the circumstances, the convict Happy Kumar is

sentenced to undergo impris-

onment for five years and also

to pay fine of Rs. 10,000/-. In

default of payment of fine, he

shall further undergo simple

imprisonment of six months.

NCC fraternity to engage the

community to create a people's

movement around these activi-

ties. The address also included

Kavinder releases book titled "Atimnirbhar Betiyaan" authored by Nisha Kapoor

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta,

senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister today released a book titled "Atimnirbhar Betivaan' authored by Nisha Kapoor during a function held at Press Club Jammu. The event was chaired by

Padma Shree Jatinder Udhampuri, Sahitya Academy Awardee, distinguished Dogri poet, and former Director AIR. Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, was the Chief Guest. Nirmal Vinod, an eminent Hindi and Dogri poet and Sahitya Academy awardee, graced the occasion as a Special Guest. Ashok Kumar, a noted Hindi scholar, attended as a Invitee, while Special Suman Pal, a renowned broadcaster, was the Guest of Honour. Author Nisha Kapoor and Adv. Harish Kaila, President of NDS, also shared the platform.

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AKHNOOR: Police busted

motor vehicles lifter gang today

under operation Avatar . On

22/04/2024 a complaint was lodged in police station Akhnoor by

complainant Ram Dass S/o Lal Chand with regard to theft of his

Chand with regard to theft of his

splender motorcycle and according-

and investigation taken up.

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known Dogri poetess and

announcer, presented a

detailed analysis of the

The book focuses on the challenges, problems, needs, aspirations, strengths, weaknesses, and measures required to prepare young girls for economic independence and empowerment. This motivational work suggests methods and strategies to attain prosperity, strength, self-confidence, self-belief, growth, and self-

CRIMEREPO

Motor vehicles lifter gang busted; property

worth lakhs recovered; three arrested

ly case FIR no 70/2024 under section 379 IPC was registered at police station Akhnoor

During investigation a special team of police was constituted by SDPO Akhnoor

Mohan Sharma. The special team collected dump data for technical analysis, collected

CCTV footage and also studied pattern of few suspects. After obtaining certain leads

three suspects namely Amit Pawa alias Sundi, son of Ashok Kumar: Rakesh Choudary

alias Nathu, son of Bagh Singh and Sunny Kumar alias Sunny Pagal, son of Yash pal

all residents of Devipur Jourian, jammu were arrested for questioning and during inter-

On the disclosure of accuseds stolen motorcycle has been recovered by special team con-

sisting of SHO Akhnoor Tariq Ahmed, Chowki officer Jourian sanjeet singh, chowki

officer Chowki Choura Pankaj Katoch & PSI Karnail Singh. Besides five more motor-

cycles of different makes total six have been recovered from different locations of district

jammu on the disclosures of arrested accuseds. Another case FIR no.31/2023 under sec

In addition to this some more recoveries including Gas cylinders-2; Mattresses-2;

The approximately value of recoveries is more than 7 lakhs. All arrests and recoveries

have made by police teams under supervision of SP Rural Brijesh Sharma. Since the

Crackdown on illegal mining,3 vehicles seized

investigation is under way more arrests and recoveries are expected.

rogation all the three accuseds have confessed their involvement in instant case.

tion IPC of police station Akhnoor has also been solved

Containers-2; Transformer-1 and Gas chullaah-1.

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining

and to tighten noose against the violators

JKP in the Jammu District has initiated

PP Sidhra seized one Tipper bearing regis

respect to fulfill their plans and goals. Duties of parents towards their daughters, family discipline, security, education, skills, and vocaentrepreneurship have been elaborated upon. The author, with great passion for women's empowerment, previously authored "Saksham," also focused on this subject.

In his opening address, Capt. Lalit Sharma, APCCF (Retd), and Convener of NDS, emphasized the importance of empowering women, considering that half of our population comprises females. Prof. Anupama Sharma, Patron of NDS,

expressed that when established women of society themselves start working in this direction, the mission of economic empowerment can be achieved swiftly and in a meaningful and dignified manner. Jatinder

Udhampuri noted that the book serves as both motivational and directional for female students and young ladies, stressing the need to channelize societal synergy to make women self-reliant and economically strong.

Kavinder Gupta highlighted the available opportunities for young girls to choose any vocation and contribute to the nation's progress, emphasizing the "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao" mission for women's security and empowerment.

Nirmal Vinod underscored the importance of education, security, and skills development for women's selfreliance. Ashok Kumar emphasized the role of women in enhancing the financial standards of their families and contributing to the nation's progress. Nisha Kapoor expressed

her passion for contributing to women's empowerment, urging young girls to understand their needs, aspirations, and abilities, and to work diligently to achieve their life goals with discipline, self-respect, dedication, hard work, commitment, positivity, and a patriotic approach. Arjun Dev Mohan, General Secretary of Youth Wing NDS, extended a vote of thanks, commending the author on behalf of NDS for her inspi-

Successful Treatment of End-Stage Kidney Disease Patient for Cancer of Tongue at AOI recovery. After one week of post-opera-

American Oncology Institute (AOI) in Jammu has successfully treated a 56-year-old male patient suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Stage V, who was diagnosed with Cancer of the Tongue. Despite the challenges posed by his medical condition, the patient underwent a complex surgical procedure and has made a remarkable recovery.

The patient, who was on weekly dialysis for CKD, presented with a growth on his tongue.

Following a comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis, the medical team at AOI in Jammu determined that the growth was cancerous. Despite the patient's elevated S. creatinine levels. the anesthesia team cleared him for surgery, recognizing the high risk

The surgical procedure involved the removal of the cancerous portion of the tongue, along with the bilateral removal of neck nodes.

Additionally, reconstruction of the tongue defect was successfully performed during the same surgical setting. Following the surgery, the patient underwent multiple sessions of haemodialysis to manage his kidney

Despite the complexity of the procedure and the patient's underlying health issues, he made a remarkable

tive care, the patient was discharged from AOI. He is now able to speak and swallow with ease, marking a significant improvement in his quality of life

Dr. Sujeet Bhat, Consultant Surgical Oncology at AOI Jammu, commented, "Despite being diagnosed with advanced kidney disease and tongue cancer, this patient showed incredible strength and determination. Reconstructing the tongue defect was a critical aspect of the treatment, and we are pleased to report that the procedure was a success. Thorough meticulous surgical technique and diligent post-operative care, we were able to restore vital functions such as speech and swallowing.

This achievement underscores the collaborative efforts of the healthcare team and the patient's commitment to their recovery.

Dr Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional Chief Operating Officer, AOI Jammu, added, "The successful treatment of this patient exemplifies AOI's commitment to providing comprehensive and compassionate care to patients with complex medical conditions. We are proud to have played a role in improv-

ing the patient's health and well-being. At AOI, we not only transform lives with innovative approach but also set a new standard of excellence in health-

NCC Group Headquarters Jammu **Commemorates Raising Day**

tim, complainant, who put the

police machinery into motion

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: NCC Headquarters Jammu marked its Raising Day with fervour and pride at the NCC Academy Nagrota, embodying tradition and commitment to excellence. The event, held in customary fashion, witnessed a congregation of 160 Officers. Permanent Instructional Staff, Associate NCC Officers, and Cadets, all dedicated to shaping a futureready youth.

The occasion commenced with the 2 JK NCC Girls Battalion giving the Guard of Honour. Following this, Group Commander Brig PS Cheema delivered an inspiring address, acknowledging the unwavering dedication and passion demonstrated by all stakeholders in their mission to nurture organised, trained and motivated youth and empower the cadets to become potential leaders and responsible citizens of the

Brig Cheema underscored the significance of such celebrations in fostering a sense of belonging and realigning organizational objectives with the 'True-North.' He applauded the collective efforts of the group



Group Commander Brig PS Cheema honouring a NCC officer.

that led to 20 Cadets being commissioned as officers in various esteemed services, enrolment of 300 plus Agniveers, 119 JK Police and a sizeable number in CAPF, and other govt jobs.

The Group Commander lauded the remarkable contributions of NCC Cadets under the adept guidance of Associate NCC Officers and Permanent Instructional Staff, particularly highlighting their commendable performances in prestigious camps and competitions such as Thal Sena Camp, Republic Day Camp, National Integration Camps, and Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat camp. The efforts in the Social Service and Community Development programmes were also appreciated and he called upon the forward looking statements about the projects, plans and sustained endeavours in upgrading the NCC Training Academy to a world class training institute. Encouraging all members to uphold the spirit of triumph and resilience, Brig Cheema urged them to maintain the 'Victorious Will' in all endeavours. He reiterated the directives from the DG NCC including Key Result Areas of empowering cadets to become potential leaders and responsible citizens, focus on training for SSB & Agniveers as well as contemporary training being initiated as part of EBSB Kaushal Camps involving Ideas & Innovation, Interaction with scientists of ISRO & DRDO, Seminars on Developed India/Viksit Bharat and Drone training. The instructions of Additional Director General, Maj Gen RK Sachdeva, on involvement of all training staff in the institutional training, refreshments distribution, maintaining Talent Hunt registers, planting of one tree and nurturing by each NCC Cadet, induction of AR/VR Simulators and renewed focus on Excellence & Innovation was impressed upon for all. The issue of raising of two new units i.e 6 J&K Battalion NCC and

1J&K Air Sqn(Flying), NCC

under NCC Group Jammu at

Udhampur was also impressed

upon to spread the word for

inviting new vacancies.

Natrang celebrates International Day of Dance, honours Sunny Mujoo



Sunny Mujoo being felicitated by Natrang Director Balwant Thakur at a function at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In connection with the celebrations of World Dance Day, Natrang Jammu held an exclusive function and honoured Sunny Mujoo-A prominent dancer and choreographer for his contribution in the enrichment of traditional and contemporary dance traditions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The felicitations were done by Natrang Director Padmashree Balwant Thakur in an exclusive function at Natrang Studio Theatre,

He was joined by senior functionary of Natrang Neeraj Kant and others including Mohd. Yaseen, Kushal Bhat, Vishal Sharma, Chaitanaya Shekhar, Kananpreet Kaur, Mehak Chib and Lalita Devi.

Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur said that this has always been an endeavor of Natrang to recognize versatile talents in various fields of performing arts and felicitate them so others also take inspiration from such aspiring outstanding artists.

Balwant informed that this day was founded by the dance committee of the International Theatre Institute formed by UNESCO, Paris. Since 1982, this day is celebrated every year all over the world with the motive to let people value the importance of this wonderful art form 'Dance'. This is also an occasion to act as a wakeup call for Governments, politicians and the civil society asking them to recognise the importance and significance of this important human activity. Speaking about Sunny Mujoo, Balwant Thakur said that he is a witness to his performances in both the houses of British Parliament (UK) and historic Trafalgar square, London where he performed as the lead dancer showcasing the diverse dance traditions of

Jammu and Kashmir before global audiences. He is a multifaceted artist having worked immensely as an actor, model, dancer and a choreographer.

strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu. PP Pallanwala seized two tractor trollie loaded with sand extracted from the Kharah Nallah illegally. Tractor trolly bearing Reg. No PB06BF 4478 and Tractor trolly bearing Chasis No. DZGDJ1222334S3.

tration no. JK02BA-1738 loaded with Nallah Boulder without Form-A.

After seizure of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for neces sary legal actions. While giving the details SP Rural Jammu, conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.