Shiv Sena protests against over-charging in wine shops Demands formation of complaint cell, make billing compulsory

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JAMMU: Seeking strict action like cancellation of licenses, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit held protest demonstration against the over-charging in wine shops in J&K.

Shiv Sainiks at Indira Chowk in Jammu under the leadership of J&K chief Manish Sahni, held demonstration holding placards and raised slogans "Stop illegal recovery on liquor", "Formation of complaint cell, make billing compulsory", "Cancel license on over charging and illegal recovery". Sahni termed this over charging and illegal recov-



Members of Shiv Sena holding protest against over-charging in wine shops.

ery as a big scam in liquor trade. The shopkeepers extortion have no fear of police or administration, he

On raising objections from

customers, the salesmen at wine shops start misbehaving, Sahni said, adding that illegal extortion increases manifold in far areas. And, in Kashmir, the tourists are

openly being charged double the price.

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The J&K UT administration must direct the Excise Department to take action. Sahni said. The protesters also submitted a memorandum to the Excise Department.

Besides others, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamgar Raj Singh, Secretary Rakesh Handa, Shashipal, Mangu Ram, Ajay Kumar, Ashwani Kumar were present during the demonstration.



BJP targets 35 out of 42 seats in W Bengal: Dr Jitendra

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KOLKATA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that BJP targets 35 out of 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal in the ongoing general election.

In an elaborate interview to a News agency on the eve of Prime Minister Narenda Modi's four neck-to-neck public rallies here tomorrow, Dr. Jitendra said, only those who have followed the election of 2019 and the subsequent State Assembly election can sense on the ground the tremendous change that is being witnessed among the common masses. He said, in 2019 out of 42 Lok Sabha seats, BJP had won 18, while TMC got 22 and 2 went to the Congress, but this time, the tables are going to turn.

Like in earlier elections, said Dr. Jitendra, this time also the Mamata Banerjeeled TMC party and its government are trying all the pressure tactics to intimidate, threaten or lure the voters but they do not realise that now the voter has become much more resolute and determined than before.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in an elaborate interview to ANI on the eve of PM Narendra Modi's visit to West Bengal.

The common voter of West Bengal now realises the disadvantage of not being a part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Viksit Bharat Yatra" like the other States and he is in no mood to compromise on this even if he is constrained to adopt a defiant posture against the terror let loose by TMC workers and its leaders, said the Minister. When asked about the 5th phase of Lok Sabha election which is a part of the Party's assignment for Dr. Jitendra, he said, last time out of these seven seats, the BJP was victorious on three seats and it lost the other four. However, he said, he was confident that

this time we would win all the seven seats in phase 5 and seeing the kind of persistent hard work being put in by BJP Karyakartas, he was absolutely confident of winning, for sure, atleast six out of seven seats. Dr. Jitendra said, there is not only enthusiasm seen among the voters in support of Prime Minister Modi but the perception of the media and the critics is also different this time. While in the earlier two elections, common perception was that polls were going the TMC way, this time the common perception and impres-

going the Modi way, he said. Dr. Singh said, there is much expectation from the young voters, particularly the first time voters, who have a great stake for their future in supporting Modi and his youth-friendly initiatives.

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Channi's statement on Poonch terror attack reflection of Congress mind-set: Rana Jammu and Kashmir BJP leader Devender Singh Rana

Senior J&K BJP leader Devender Singh Rana at public rally at Dinanagar assembly constituency.

cize or trivialize matters of

national security Rana said people now can very well see through the political opportunism of the Congress, who in desperation to grab power raking sentimental issues for them the self is first and Nation nowhere, he added. He said such incidents demand unity and solidarity from all political parties, rather than divisive rhetoric that only serves to undermine the nation's resolve against terrorism. Rana said it is regrettable that instead of standing in solidarity with the victim and their families, certain individuals choose to engage in

BJP leader asked Channi and the Congress leadership to reflect on the gravity of their statements and offer an unconditional apology to the nation, he added. He said the Nation has decided to punish INDI Alliance for its regressive and negative politics by mandating Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for the third consecutive time with over 400seats to NDA. He said with a resounding mandate from the electorate, Prime Minister Modi will be embarking on a new chapter of transformative governance, dedicated to realizing the aspirations and dreams of every Indian citizen

"After building upon the strong foundation in the previous two terms, Prime Minister Modi's government remains steadfast in its pursuit of economic prosperity, innovation, and job creation", Rana said adding that policies aimed at boosting investment, promoting entrepreneurship, and fostering inclusive growth will gain momentum to ensure a thriving economy, paving way for India becoming world's third economy. Rana said India's economy was in 11th position from 2004 till 2014. After this, PM Modi took over the charge and under his leadership, India's economy jumped from 11th position to fifth position. And there is a prediction that India will be among the top three economies in the world in the coming vears, he added. Rana referred to the fast pace of infrastructure development across the nation, saying under Prime

Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

Minister Modi's leadership the BJP is committed to enhancing connectivity, modernizing transportation networks, and bolstering urban and rural infrastructure. Mega projects aimed at improving connectivity, such as highways, railways, airports, and digital infrastructure have got new wings to propel India into a new era of progress and development, he added. "BJP does politics for nation-building and Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to develop a prosperous Bharat that is not only financially capable but could also lead in the fields of knowledge, spirituality and science," Rana

Somnath Khajuria, Amit Dubey, Sucha Singh, Ashok Singh Manhas, Sanjay Gupta, Ajay Gupta, Joginder Sharma also addressed the gatherings and appealed the people to come forward in large numbers and make Prime Minister Narendra Modi victorious for

Jashn-e-Intikhab under SVEEP organised at Chashma Shahi Garden

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SRINAGAR: In a bid to enhance voters participation in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a mass voter awareness program (Jashn-e-Intikhab) was organized under Systematic Voters' Education and Education Programme (SVEEP) at picturesque Chashma Shahi Garden here today. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), P K Pole was the chief guest on the occasion while the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat joined the event as guest of honour. Addressing the gathering, the CEO appreciated the organisers for organising this awareness campaign under SVEEP. He hoped that large number of people will participate in the voting process in 2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency on May 13, 2024 and mark their duty to determine the country's democracy. DEO Srinagar in address urged the students to carry forward the message regarding democratic rights to their parents relatives and community. During the programme, students of Kashmir University and Artists of Tulkul Arts presented Nukkad Natak based on voters awareness while the Sufi brothers presented Qawali, filling the whole atmosphere with their mesmerising voices. A mock polling station was set up by NIIT Srinagar students. Later, the chief guest distributed the certificates among the participants and closed the SVEEP campaign for Srinagar by releasing the tricolor balloons in air.

Appoints DC (Central) with FCR as enquiry officer **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Financial Commissioner Revenue Shaleen Kebra, while deciding two appeals by a common order besides setting aside both the mutations attested Under Section 6 of the Agrarian Reforms Act, also initiated enquiry against two employees of the Revenue Department namely Bashir Ahmed, then Patwari Gole and Mushtaq Ahmad, then Naib Tehsildar Jammu West and direct Additional Commissioner (Central) with FCR to initiate disciplinary action and charge sheet the delinquents, i.e. Bashir Ahmed then Patwari Gole and Mushtaq Ahmad then Naib Tehsildar Jammu In addition to this, Kebra also directed the Deputy Commissioner Jammu to scrutinize the records of Estate Gole and furnish a report to the Financial Commissioner Revenue of all such cases where the Evacuee land allotted to Displaced person has been subsequently brought within the ambit of the provision of the AR Act of 1976.

These significant directions have been passed by Shaleen Kabra while deciding two appeals filed by one Rajeshwar Sabharwal through Advocate Mohd. Latif Malik against two mutation attested Under section 6 of the AR Act with regard to the land situated at Gole, Jammu west side mutation No's 2470 & 2374 which was allotted to the appellant's father being the displaced person and occupancy rights under Section 3-A was also attested in favour of the appellant. The Court, after considering the arguments of Advocate Mohd Latif Malik for the appellant & Advocate

Dileep Bhan for the respondents, held that in view of the kind of land which is recorded as "Nehri" and jinis is recorded as Munji, Maki, Gundum etc. put a question mark on vesting of rights Under section 6of the AR Act which is specifically meant for dwelling house and the site thereunder and the land appurtenant thereto.

The Financial Commissioner Revenue further held that since the land in question in Evacuee land allotted to Displaced person and thus there was no occasion for the mutating officer to attest the impugned mutations. In view of these observations and initiation of action against delinquent employees, the Financial Commissioner Revenue set aside both the mutations and direct restoration of entries existing prior to the attention of these mutation.

Dr Rohit Gupta continues election campaign in support of Zafar Manhas in Poonch's village



Apni Party Provincial Secretary and Membership Incharge, Dr Rohit Gupta during election campaign in favour of Party candidate from Rajouri-Anantnag PC Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

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POONCH: April Party Provincial Secretary and Membership Incharge, Dr Rohit Gupta today continued the election campaign in favour of the Party candidate from Rajouri -Anantnag Parliamentary constituency, Zafar Iqbal

Dr Gupta attended a meeting with the villagers

at Mangnar in Poonch and informed them about the agenda of the Party regarding its policy to develop the region and its infrastructure.

He also informed that the Party wants to revamp the development in all the areas equally and explore possibility of employment for the youth at the local level to stop the migration of jobs outside Jammu and Kashmir. He sought vote and support for Zafar Ighal

from the villages in search

Manhas sahab. The people have also extended their support to the April Party candidate, Manhas. This meeting was organized by Lokender Kumar. Rajender Kumar and Ashok Kumar.

Dr Sudarshan delivers lecture on 'Role of Science in developing young minds'

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JAMMU: On the day of National Technological Day, the Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) organised a Lecture on 'Role of Science in developing young minds' at BAL-GRAN, here today. The former Director General DRDA, Dr Sudharshan Kumar delivered an eloquent lecture which enthused a lot of interest among the inmates of the Destitute Home

This Day has been celebrated since 1998 to commemorate India's technological and scientific prowess demonstrated by successfully conducting the Nuclear Missile Test at Pokhran on this day to become the sixth nation in the world to develop this technology. This year's theme is "School to Startups-Inspiring Minds to Innovate"

This was the seventh Lecture delivered to the inmates of the BALGRAN under the initiative of the CGPWA to utilise the rich resource available in the Association among the highly experienced retired civil servants, to upgrade the knowledge of destitute students of BALGRAN

In a 50-minute lecture, Dr Sudharshan Kumar called upon the youth to have dreams of big things in life and develop confidence in themselves to



Dr Sudarshan delivering lecture on 'Role of Science in developing young minds.

achieve these with proper strategy in life. Asking them to make iconic Indian scientists as their role models, he said everyone is born with a special aptitude which needs to be harnessed to be something important by acquiring education. confidence, magnanimity, and grace. He cautioned teachers against pressurising students for acquiring high grades as every child has different talent which needed to be promoted in him. He told them that proper education is vital for students' growth as it gives knowledge to youth and knowledge is the power and power commands respect.

Dr Sudarshan who has background of DRDO, drew parallel to the battle actions of Ramayana and Mahabharata with today's technological wonders and said the pushpak (Chariot) mentioned in Ramayana was nothing today's Drone and long-range

Agni fireworks to today's missiles. He said that everything which we read in these religious epics are now technologically explained by the present

day's innovations. Dr Kumar referred to iconic Indian scientists like Homi Jejangir, C V Raman, A P J Kalam, M S Swaminathan and Aryabhatta and enquired how many of the student were aware of these scientists and was happy to that most of them knew about their discoveries. He asked the youth to make them their role models and work hard to be something like them.

Dr Sudarshan also spoke about the new National Education Policy and that for the first time it acknowledged effective learning in mother language. He said a new structure of 5+3+3+4 of School education has replaced 10+2 system. The Foundation stage is of the first 5 years where

teaching is made in the mother language. It is followed by three years of preparatory stage and another three years of middle stage. The secondary stage is of 4 years. In every stage the focus is to develop the foundation of the child, skills, subject specific knowledge and vocational education. The youth under the new system of education are bound to develop holistically, adding value to the nation.

He explained the celebration of the National Technology Day and said that It commemorates India's success in using science and technology to address the challenges facing the country. The day aims to inspire youngsters and to create awareness about the country's scientific and technological achievements.

The President of BAL-GRAN Vinod Raina also spoke on the occasion. Among others present included General Secretary, CGPWA, K B Jandial, Patron BALGRAN A K Arora, S C Sharma, Jatinder Gupta, Ravinder Gupta and Ashok Kapoor of BALRAN.

On the occasion of the National Technological Day the Vice President of CGHS, Dr Sudarshan Kumar, former DG, DRDO interacting with the students at BALGRAN today

Bukhari urges people to rid themselves of decades-long exploitation by twin political families Says, Apni Party will ensure well-being of people, dignified life for youth

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SRINAGAR: On the final day of Lok Sabha poll campaigning in Srinagar, the Apni Party culminated its campaign with two public rallies held at Kangan and Hazratbal on Friday.

People of all ages, both men and women, crowded these public rallies, offering a rousing reception to the party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, and his accompanying leaders upon their arrival at the venues.

Addressing the rallies, Bukhari urged people to get rid of the twin political families to put an end to their decades-long exploitation.

He said, "The time has come when you need to use your vote wisely and put an end to the protracted exploitation by twin political families, Abdullahs and Muftis. These families have been deceiving you for years and decades.

Taking a dig at the NC, Bukhari said, "One of these families fooled people with slogans like 'Raishumar' and 'Autonomy,' while simultaneously maintaining close ties with New Delhi and entering into agree-



JKAP president, S.M.A Bukhari addressing public meeting.

ments such as the Indra-Sheikh and Rajive-Farooq accords.

He added, "These provocative slogans held no significance after J&K acceded to the country in 1947. Instead, they served as the cause of death and destruction in this region. These emotional slogans led our youth to prisons and graves.

He went on to say, "NC's leadership was hand in glove with leaders in Delhi long before independence in 1947. That is why they even changed the very name of the party, originally the Muslim Conference, to the National Conference in 1938. As a result, the NC leadership was given control in J&K after 1947, even without receiving a public mandate, as Delhi handed over the government to them.

said, "The other party befooled people with emotional sloganeering such as 'Self-rule' and so on. It kept people busy with emotional sloganeering and, in the meantime, established its family rule here. The late founder leader of this party used to say that he was against dynastic rule but did not forget to hand over the reins of the party to his daughter before passing away. Now, his daughter is grooming and preparing her own daughter to pass on the family's political legacy to her. They are fooling peo-

Criticizing the PDP, he

ple. Apni Party president reminded people of the killings of innocent people at the times when these parties were at the helm of affairs in J&K.

He said, "Their hands are stained with the blood of innocent people, including children. One party was responsible for the deaths of more than 100 children in 2010, while the other killed about 200 children and blinded hundreds of boys and girls using pallet guns. How can people forget these deaths and bloodsheds?"

Bukhari appealed to the people to support and vote for the Apni Party in these Lok Sabha polls.

He said, "I request your support and vote for our candidate in the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency. Mohammad Ashraf Mir. I assure you that he will represent your sentiments and raise vour issues in Parliament. The April Party needs public support to implement its agenda. Our agenda is to ensure permanent peace, enduring prosperity, and equitable development across Jammu and Kashmir. I promise you that we will not disappoint you. We will ensure the wellbeing of the people and a dignified life for the youth."

The party's senior leader and former mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu addressed the public rally in Hazratbal.