

BJP to form Govt with thumping majority in J&K: Ravinder



J&K BJP President, Ravinder Raina during a rally at Ramban.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: Bharatiya Janata Party will form government with a thumping majority in Jammu & Kashmir, said Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP President. Ravinder Raina accompanied by BJP Vice-Presidents Shakti Parihar & Pawan Khajuria, District President Rakesh Thakur, DDC Balbir Singh, DDC Renu Katoch, BDC Chairperson Rajeshwar Kumar, former MLA Neelam Langhe, Ramesh Kumar, Sham Singh Katoch and other senior leaders was addressing workers' meet at

Ramban. Ravinder Raina, who was accorded a rousing welcome at Ramban, recounted upon the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government and individually tailored welfare schemes for every underprivileged group. He while addressing the workers' meet said that people of Jammu & Kashmir have developed full faith in BJP and the party is all set to form government in J&K with thumping majority. Raina said that the opportunistic politics of NC, Congress and PDP now

stands fully exposed before the people and they are outrightly rejected by the people of J&K. He said that these parties will have to give answer to the people for their black deeds saying that their abominable motive filled actions have played havoc with the whole region and hence pushed the region into complete darkness.

Raina said that going with the mood of the people in every corner of Jammu & Kashmir, we are sure that people will give more than 50 seats to the BJP in the next Assembly elections. He also said that due to the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is poised to emerge as the super power of the world and J&K will get the most benefit of the development going on in the Nation. He asked the party workers to work whole heartedly for the party and carry the policies of BJP and the schemes of Modi government to the people so as to ensure Superpower Bharat.

BJP failed to respect mandate of Jammu: Kundal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
VIJAYPUR: Accusing the BJP of betraying the sentiment of people of Jammu over a host of issues, Yashpal Kundal JKNPP Gen Secy & former Minister on Monday said that by declining holiday on birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh, it had caused the greatest disillusionment to its own electorates. He said that despite repeated assurances and re-assurances of reviewing and revising the holidays Calendar and including 23rd September in the list of gazette holidays, it failed to keep its word thereby causing huge disappointment to the very people who gave it 25 seats in Assembly besides both seats of Parliament. Addressing a

huge gathering here at Ramgarh, Kundal said that BJP leadership had assumed the role of dream merchants by mesmerizing people with seductive slogans which they never intended to fulfill. The only objective behind its lofty promises was to exploit the innocent masses and to buy further time to conceal its failures. "BJP has persistently belied the aspirations of Jammu people ever since its ascendance to power. Its cowardly surrenders before PDP are still fresh in the minds of people. It was the BJP-PDP govt. which had refused to revive the practice of issuance of Dogra Certificate to Youth of Jammu.

SRL conducts health camp

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AKHNOOR: Seventh free health check up camp was organised by SRL Diagnostics in association with Atul Sudan, Sushil Sharma and Rahul Sharma (Social Activists) at ward no 7 Akhnoor. Around 100 people availed the benefits of the camp in which a team of phlebotomists conducted blood tests for sugar, cholesterol and Creatinine. The camp in Ward no 7 of Akhnoor town was inaugurated in presence of Vishal Gupta Founder of Shiiiva Group, National Executive Member and President of Hindu Rashtra Shakti (Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh UTs), Atul Sudan (Youth Activist), Sushil Sharma Chairman All J&K Disable Welfare Trust (Regd), Rahul Sharma (Educationist) and other prominent people of the ward. SRL Diagnostics Akhnoor center is associated with Shiiiva HealthCare and Shiiiva Group. Sushil Sharma Chairman All J&K Disable Welfare Trust (Regd) while addressing the media persons on the occasion appreciated the special drive of SRL Diagnostics led by Vishal Gupta (Founder Shiiiva Group) to provide the facility of free medical tests at their door steps. He said that today every third person in India is suffering from one among the three i.e. Sugar, Cholesterol and Creatinine and early diagnosis of which may save us from the serious effects.

Agriculture Deptt organises awareness programme under organic farming



A resource person speaking during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: Department of Agriculture and farmers Welfare Doda, Sub Division Pranoo organised an awareness program under organic farming at Bellru Marmat today. About 25 farmers attended the programme. District level SMS Dr Ajay Sharma was the Chief guest and resource person on the occasion. Dr Ajay spoke in

length about the different benefits of organic farming. He also lectured on the basic principles of organic farming and assured all kind of technical and material support in this regard. SDAO Pranoo, Kuldeep Bhasan also spoke on the occasion and assured to address the different issues faced by the farmers. Manjeet Singh JAEo conducted the proceeding of programme. Sarpanch of the area was also present on the occasion. He assured full support to department in their mission of organic farming. Among others AEAs Sajad Ahmed and Amit Gupta were present on the occasion. Organic fertilizer was also distributed among the farmers. A field visit was also arranged on the occasion.

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Two-day Yoga workshop begins at GDC Jindrah

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JINDRAH: A two day workshop on Yoga was initiated by the NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC), Jindrah in collaboration with the Directorate of AYUSH. The NSS volunteers, students and staff gathered in the college premises of GDC Jindrah and followed the yoga guidelines and did various yogic exercises like Surya Namaskar, Tadasana, Trilokasana, Bhujangasana etc. under the supervision and guidance of the medical team from AYUSH department. The medical team also make participants aware of various Asanas under standing and sitting postures along with common Yoga protocol to be followed while performing different asanas in the first session. The second session includes lectures by the medical team wherein different types of Yoga Asanas understanding, sitting, prone, supine and inverted series divided according to different body postures were discussed in details. The yoga Asanas for different



Chairman-JKNPP, Harsh Dev Singh during a public meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMNAGAR: Referring to the proposed visit of around 70 Union Ministers to the UT of J&K all during the next thirty days, Harsh Dev Singh, Chairman-JKNPP and former Minister questioned as to how such rollercoaster march of central Ministers was likely to benefit the people of the newly created UT. He said that the macabre drama appeared to have been conceptualized as a political fire cracker ahead of the elections by the BJP to whip up hysteria in its favour. He was addressing a huge public

meeting in Ramnagar town today. "It's the last roll of the dice by saffron party ahead of elections. Having failed to live up to the expectations of the people of erstwhile State, the govt. was resorting to gimmicks and ministerial shows which would meet the same fate as its earlier drama of ministerial visits to J&K last year and its "Back to Village" programmes. It's a publicity stunt, a pressure tactics, a holy hypocrisy and a survival mantra in the face of fast dissipating credibility of the BJP. The BJP wants to bring



Students participating in yoga session.

groups like elderly group, pregnant women and yoga for kids were also discussed in the session. Besides presentations and documents pertaining to Yoga and its types, importance, and guidelines were also distributed using 'whatsapp' as a social media platform. The AYUSH medical team presented on the occasion comprises of Dr Komal Wazir, Medical Officer and Dr. Suresh Sharma, District Medical Officer. Dr. Sunil Sharma, Programme Officer, NSS unit of GDC Jindrah along with the whole NSS Committee of GDC Jindrah initiated the event under the

guidance of Prof. Rajshree Dhar, the Principal of GDC Jindrah. The whole event was compiled by Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS committee. Dr. Sunil Sharma acknowledged the efforts of AYUSH Department and especially admired and extended his gratitude to Dr. Mohan Singh, Director, AYUSH department, for his unconditional support in a short notice. Prof. Poonam Rainu, Convener, NSS Unit also extended her gratitude to the medical team and acknowledged the support provided by all the members presented on the occasion.

Historic three-day Mela-Patt concludes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADARWAH: Amid Covid-19 restrictions, people converged at historical Khakhal locality of Bhadarwah on last day of the holy three day Mela Patt, devoted to Lord Vasuki Nag, the presiding deity of Bhadarwah valley, on Monday evening. The Mela (fair) is celebrated every year to commemorate the historic meet between Akbar and Raja Nagpal of Bhadarwah in 16th century at Delhi. Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages (JKAACL) also came forward and organized cultural event at the venue of Mela-Patt. 433 year old Mela Patt festival is devoted to Lord Vasuki Naag, the presiding deity of Bhaderwah Valley, the fair is



People participating in Mela at Bhadarwah.

celebrated on Nag Panchmi every year. This Mela was first initiated by Raja Nagpal in 16th century as the ruler of that small principality called the then Bhaderkash which is now known as Bhadarwah. The royal robbing that was presented by King Akbar to Raja Nagpal of Bhadarwah in his honour was also displayed during the 'Mela Patt'. The festival commence seven days after the conclusion of ancient Kailash Yatra. Ex MLA Bhadarwah Daleep

Singh Parihar, Sr Leader JD(S) Mast Nath Yogi, Ex MLC Naresh Kumar Gupta, Advocate Chanderkant Gupta and others also participated in the Mela-Patt. Main organiser of the festival, Advocate Naresh Gupta said "we have appealed public to participate in Mela-Patt while following CAB. It's a festival for Bhadarwahi people which depicts our proud historical background and mutual brotherhood. We the people Bhadarwah celebrate it jointly, which clearly shows communal harmony of this area and respect for Raja Nag Pal irrespective of religion. Gupta also thanked people, Media, Administration, Police and others for their support to the Mela-Patt.

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav gets full momentum in Rajouri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: To commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated with great enthusiasm in Rajouri. A series of events have been planned to showcase the culture and tourism potential of the area. It is pertinent to mention here that the District Administration has kept the youth and women at the forefront in this process of peace and development. More than 50000 women and 60000 youth have been registered by the District Administration. Formal orders for making youth clubs of 14000 youth have been issued and women water conservation clubs have been constituted in each village and panchayat. The District Administration has also handed over some buildings to the youth for housing the Youth clubs. Deputy Commissioner, Rajesh K Shavan said that the main

focus is to keep the youth engaged and identify their skills, potential and channelize their energies in the right direction. The DC said that the district administration is organising special training for the young girls in the coming days to train them in making local craft and pine needle baskets for which a resource person has been hired from Himachal Pradesh, while the DFO has been asked to coordinate with the Principals of ITIs for the same. A grand cultural festival was also organised at the District Headquarter last month wherein the artists from the adjoining states and districts participated and was highly appreciated by the local public. A border mela will also be organised at Seri on 5th and 6th of October and rural festivals will be celebrated in association with the civil society, tourism department and NGOs to promote the culture and tourism of the area. The

DC said that a group of 100 youth are also being sent on trekking from the Darhal area to Shakkernarg and seven lakes on 15th September as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The National Flag shall also be unfurled at these places. The youth of the area have been identified and have shown great interest in celebration. As per the programme, elaborate arrangements have been made and concerned line departments have been asked to provide full assistance. The group shall be flagged off by the DC from the base camp at Darhal on 15th September morning. The DC said that the promotion of the heritage and cultural activities are getting focused attention and a detailed action plan has already been submitted to the Government. He said it will diligently attract more tourists to the area and spread positivity among the society.

almost all of the central ministers to disseminate its political philosophy at the cost of public exchequer without analyzing the financial fallout of such gigantic rollercoaster exercise upon a cash starved UT like J&K, regretted Singh. The NPP leader said that rather than visiting the UT to fulfill their urge for photogenic telecasts, the BJP leadership might as well restore the civil liberties and other democratic rights of the people of J&K who are bearing the brunt of a dictatorial, authoritarian regime. Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion included Mrs. Manju Singh, Rampaul Bhagat, Shiv Dev, Dev Singh, Ashri Devi, Des Raj, Moveen Bandey, Kasturi Lal, Ravi Kant, Kuldeep Singh besides others.

GDC Kathua organises national level quiz competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: A national level online quiz competition was organised by the Department of Chemistry, Govt. Degree College Kathua on the topic "Organic and Inorganic Chemistry" based on syllabus of Semester 6th of University of Jammu. The National Online Quiz Competition was organized under overall supervision and Guidance of Prof. Asha Ram Sharma, Principal of the College, by the Organizing committee which comprised of Prof. Rakesh Singh (Convener), Dr. Pankaj Gupta (Organising Secretary), Dr. Ambica, Dr. Upasna Andotra and Dr. Roshan Lal, members of Organizing committee of the Quiz competition. Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener of the National Level Online Quiz competition giving details of Quiz told that a total of 272 participants from different Colleges of UT of J&K and Universities from all over India participated and enriched their experience in Multiple Choice Questions. Besides J7K, students from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, MP, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar

NYK organises District Level Fit India - Freedom Run 2.0

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: NYK Kathua on Monday organised District Level Fit India - Freedom Run 2.0 in which over 200 Youth hailing from Barwal Athletic Youth Club Barwal, and over 45 other Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals participated. On the occasion all the participants administered a pledge hosted by Ranjeet Singh Pathania, President Barwal Athletic Club and also sung National Anthem. Rahaul Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua was Chief Guest on the occasion and flag off the Fit India Freedom Run 2.00 GDC Kathua. The Chief Guest inspire and motivate the Youth to be physically and mentally fit, play active role against drugs abuse and be ambassador of fit India and involve more and

more persons in fitness activates in your village and areas. Over 200 Youth both male & female with full enthusiasm started the run from GDC Kathua passed from all the main bazaars, and shout the slogan loudly Bharat Mata ki Jai, Bande Matram, Fitness Ki Doze Adha Ghanta (30 Minutes) Roze draw the attraction of the public on the road the disseminate the message of Fitness. On the way Youth paid rich tribute to Kargil martyrs Capt. Sunil Choudhary Chanting the slogans Sahid Capt. Sunil Choudhary Amar Rehay, Amar Rehay. The Run was culminate at Parliaband. Prem Nath Dogra, GDC Staff, and other prominent persons participated.

Pradesh, took part in the Online Quiz Competition. A total of 50 MCQ's were asked in the Quiz covering all the units of Syllabus of Semester Vith. He said that UG, PG Students and Research scholars of reputed Colleges and Universities and Institutions of India like Alagappa University, IIT GUWAHATI, Institute of forensic science Mumbai, NIT Srinagar, Chandigarh University, University of Jammu, University of Kashmir, Cluster University Jammu, Pune University, Annamalai University, Bangalore North University, Pune University, etc. participated in the Online Quiz Competition. Participants securing 80 percent and above were awarded e-Certificates. He said that the topic of the Online Quiz was conducted to familiarize students with the new pattern of MCQ based examination announced by Jammu University and UGC recommendations in view of Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Organizing Secretary of the Online quiz competition while giving details told that a total of 24 students from different institutions like Govt. Degree College Kathua, GDC,

Kishtwar, Balasahab Jadhav college of Science, Artsand Commerce, Ale, Pune, SCVBCollege Palampur (HIP), Govt GLMD College Hiranagar, secured more than 80 percent in Quiz Competition and awarded E-Certificates. Shweta Kumar of GDC, Kathua stood 1st, Manish Kumar, Natishkumar, Kanika Andotra stood 2nd and Himanshi Khajuria, Smeeksha Sharma, Arushi Sharma of GDC, Kathua stood 3rd in the Quiz Competition. Prof. Asha Ram Sharma, Principal of the College appreciated the contribution of Department of Chemistry or preparing the students as per latest pattern of MCQ examination announced by University of Jammu. He appreciated the efforts of Prof. Rakesh Singh, HOD Chemistry and other faculty of Department for organizing a Quiz Competition in Chemistry, for the overall welfare of students of not only of GDC, Kathua but also for students of other colleges of state and whole of India. He further said that the overwhelming response of the students showed that they were keen to prepare themselves for the forthcoming MCQ pattern of examination.

COVID vaccination drive held at GDC Sunderbani



Students and faculty vaccination drive at Sunderbani.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SUNDERBANI: Government Degree College Sunderbani, in collaboration with BMO Sunderbani Dr. Manzoor Hussain, organize vaccination cum testing drive for teaching staff, non teaching and college students (above 18 year).

About 31 students were tested and 3 students were vaccinated with second dose in the drive. College Principal Dr Vandana Gupta expressed her gratitude towards the health department for helping and extending support in getting students vaccinated.

Start double-lanning work on Lakanpur-Mahanpur-Basohli road: Col Mahan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: DDC Chairman Kathua Col Mahan Singh (Retd) on Monday urged the government to start the work on double laning of Lakanpur-Mahanpur-Basohli road as the same will prove to be a game changer for the hilly region of the Kathua District, especially Bani-Basohli-Mahanpur areas. In a statement issued here, Col Mahan said that double-laning of the aforesaid road is long pending demand of the people as it will improve significantly the socio-economic condition of the hilly areas of the district. He said that Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari had announced the double-laning of Lakanpur-Mahanpur-Basohli road after inaugurating Nashri Tunnel in 2017 and the same has been approved in principal as national highway by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways as the proposed road will link Atal Setu with - NH1A at Lakanpur, Dhar Road upto Udhampur, Dalhousie Road upto Chamba/Pathankot and Basohli-Bani-Badherwah Defence Road. The DDC Chairman said that DPR from Lakanpur-Mahanpur-Basohli has been prepared by M/s Rodiac Consultants Pvt. Limited for a length of 68.983 Kms amounting to Rs. 606.08 Crores and presently lying with Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, New Delhi for sanction. He said that the project will provide all weather road connectivity, shorten the

distance/travel time besides helping to exploit tourist potential of Bani, Basohli, Billawar region which is World Class, but never given attention due to indifference shown by the successive governments of the past inclined more towards Kashmir region. Col Mahan said that this road after widening will exploit fully the tourism potential of Ranjit Sagar Dam besides water sports centre and water sports academy coming up at Basohli. He said that Kathua has seen tremendous development under the BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi. He said that Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has also played a pivotal role in ensuring Kayaalp of the District as it was his efforts that Kathua got six-lane road, GMC, Engineering College, Bio-Tech Park, Seed Plant, Shakur Kandi Project, Keerian Gandyal Bridge and an international level stadium at Hiranagar. The DDC Chairman said that sooner than later the Bani Basohli, Billawar will also witness the much desired development as these regions remained deprived of for development due to discrimination by the successive governments. He said that the aforesaid road will do much favour to the region in uplifting the deprived sections by offering vistas of opportunities. He also said that there is long pending demand of the people of Basohli and Billawar for District status which has already been projected to the concerned quarters, and hopefully the justice will be done to the public of the region.