

Randhawa front-runner in Bahu Constituency, public faith intact

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa, is garnering overwhelming public support, making him the frontrunner for the Bahu seat. Randhawa's vision of transforming Bahu into a model constituency has resonated with voters who view him as a symbol of hope for progress and development. During a Jan Sabha program in Udhm Nagar, Bahu Constituency, Randhawa reiterated his commitment to delivering a governance model that will address the needs of the people. His campaign has created strong personal connections with voters, enabling him to understand their



BJP candidate for Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa addressing public meeting.

concerns and aspirations. His dedication to empowering the people of Jammu and Kashmir has earned him widespread backing, with many urging the BJP leadership to nominate him for Bahu Constituency. Public meetings have seen enthusiastic chants of "Bahu ki Pukaar, Randhawa Is Baar," signaling broad public confidence in his leadership. His potential victory is expected to mark a new era of development for Bahu. During the outreach program, Randhawa highlighted the various welfare schemes introduced by the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These included the opening of bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana, the Ujjwala Yojana for providing free cooking gas, the PM Awas Yojana for affordable housing, and water connections for underprivileged sections of society. He emphasized that, under Modi's leadership since 2014, India has broken barriers and built self-confidence, setting the country on the path to becoming a developed nation by 2047. Randhawa also praised the BJP government's

decision to extend the free ration scheme for 80 crore poor people under the public distribution system for an additional five years. He commended Modi for ensuring the facility of the "One Nation, One Ration Card," enabling citizens to receive rations wherever they are in the country. In his speech, Randhawa criticized the Congress manifesto, calling it a "letter of lies" and accusing the party of hypocrisy. He claimed that Congress and other parties had failed to fulfill their promises over the past 50 years, leaving the people yearning for real progress. He asserted that the BJP government's commitment to the people has delivered tangible benefits and laid the foundation for lasting development.

Jugal promises to carry on developmental works in SMVD constituency

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KATRA: The workers and supporters of Independent candidate Shri Mata Vaishno Devi constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, on Monday took out an endless rally through Katra and Panthal Blocks of the constituency. The rally started from two starting points of the constituency with thousands chanting slogans of Jugal Kishore and telling others to vote for 'Gas Cylinder'. Hundreds of motorcycles and cars made the rally look like an endless chain of machines. Jugal Kishore Sharma led the rally as he himself rode the bike from Bhaga to Katra. In Panthal block, the rally started from Sool Chowk in Kakryal. In Katra Block, the rally started from Bhaga Chowk. Hundreds of bikes and cars joined the rally holding



Independent candidate SMVD constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing public rally.

Jugal Kishore Sharma's flags bearing the election symbol 'cylinder'. Both the rallies met at Ambica Chowk and moved gradually towards the candidate's office at Counter no. 2 in Katra town. Thousands gathered there and spoke their heart out in favour of their favourite candidate. The candidate, Jugal Kishore Sharma thanked all the workers and supporters for their participation in making the massive road rally a great success. Jugal promised the voters of SMVD constituency that he will carry on developmental works as he did being a minister from 2002-2008. Being an Independent candidate, he urged all the voters to come out in large numbers on 25th September and vote in favour of his election symbol 'Gas Cylinder'. As today was the last of Campaigning.

Sadhotra intensifies door-to-door campaign; urges people to end BJP's era

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, the National Conference (NC) candidate from the Jammu North Assembly seat, conducted an extensive door-to-door campaign in the Muthi, Roopnagar, and Janipur areas, covering Ward No. 34, 35, 36, and 37. Sadhotra, who is contesting as the joint candidate of the NC-Congress alliance under the INDIA bloc, engaged with residents to seek support and shared the key points of his party's manifesto. During his interactions, Sadhotra urged the people to exercise the power of their vote to put an end to misrule unleashed by BJP during the last one decade. He elaborated on his party's commitment to restore statehood for Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming that the NC-Congress alliance is determined



NC candidate from Jammu North Assembly seat, Ajay Sadhotra conducting door-to-door campaign.

to "bring back our lost identity." He highlighted various public welfare initiatives, including the promise to provide 200 units of free electricity, remove smart meters, and ensure free drinking water in both towns and villages, assuring voters that no new water taxes will be imposed. He also focused on the removal of toll tax barriers within a 10-kilometer radius from the city, along with a review of illegal toll plazas and improvements in public transportation. His pitch to voters included an emphasis on tackling unemployment, with promises to create Employment Guarantee Schemes for local youth and establish Special Employment Zones in Jammu and Kashmir. The candidate emphasized a pro-business stance, promising land reforms and support for small businesses and startups, with plans to introduce new industries under the new industrial policy.

Amandeep BR Medicity concludes 4-Specialty OPDs

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JAMMU: Amandeep BR Medicity continues to set new standards in multi-specialty healthcare, proudly serving patients with cutting-edge medical services. On 21-22 September, we successfully conducted OPDs focused on Neuro & Spine, Orthopaedics, Plastic Surgery, and Cancer, drawing over 500 patients who praised the expert care provided by our highly skilled team. Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopedic Surgeon and AI Joint Replacement Specialist, expressed his excitement over the hospital's transformation from a general care provider into a multi-specialty facility. "Introducing robotic knee technology at Amandeep BR Medicity is a significant milestone in delivering high-quality, advanced healthcare," he said. Baldev Singh Raina, MD and CEO



Amandeep BR Medicity at a programme.

of Peaks Group of Companies, also shared his satisfaction with the event's success, noting the strong community turnout. "The trust and confidence the public places in Amandeep BR Medicity inspires us to continue advancing healthcare services to meet every patient's needs," he remarked. Dr. Amandeep Kaur, Director of Amandeep Group of Hospitals, highlighted the hospital's dedication to expanding its excellence to Srinagar. "We are thrilled to offer state-of-the-art facilities and advanced care here, just as we do at our other branches," she emphasized. As pioneers in the valley, Amandeep BR Medicity is the first to introduce Robotic Knee Surgery under Dr. Avtar Singh's expertise. Beyond orthopedics, the hospital offers an extensive range of services, including

Vijeshwar Devasthan Trust holds General Body meeting



Vijeshwar Devasthan Trust members at a meeting.

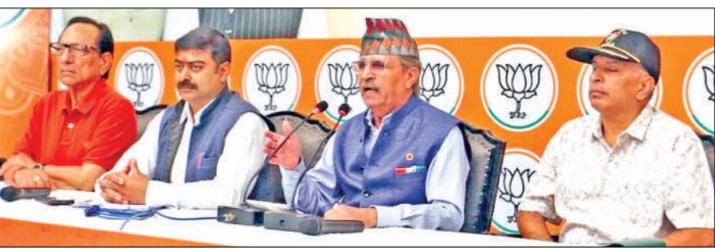
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JAMMU: The General Body meeting of the Vijeshwar Devasthan Trust was held at Bachpan School, Lower Muthi, Jammu, under the chairmanship of Prof. Makhn Lal Malla. The meeting began with the recitation of the Maha Gayatri Mantra. P.N. Tikoo, General Secretary, presented the brief agenda, followed by a detailed report of the trust's activities and achievements by President Sanjay Tiekoo (Dembi). Varinder Mohan Bhat, Treasurer, provided a financial overview, including the audit report presented by U.K. Handoo, the trust's Chartered Accountant. The income and expenditure details were shared with the members, and the audit report was unanimously adopted. A resolution moved by Prof. M.L. Malla, seconded by A.K.

Koul and A.K. Tikoo, praised the trust's leadership for its tremendous work in preserving shrines and fostering development within a short time. The resolution commended President Sanjay Tiekoo (Dembi) and his team for their dedication and re-affirmed their support for future initiatives. The members also condemned the negative approach of a few community members and decided to focus on the larger community interest. As per the meeting's agenda, Pushkar Nath Tikoo (Ex-Superintendent of Police) was inducted as an advisor to the trust, with his active involvement welcomed. Additionally, Vinod Kumar Zutshi, Sr. Lecturer, offered his selfless service, and Behari Lal Koul was requested to play a more active role in the trust's affairs. The trust decided to

Reddy, Jitendra release book 'Vishdhara 370-Vibhajan Vibhishika'

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JAMMU: Union Ministers, Dr. Jitendra Singh and G. Kishan Reddy, on Monday released a book titled 'Vishdhara 370-Vibhajan Vibhishika' during a function organized, here today. The author of the book is Kulbhushan Moheta. MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP co-incharge, Ashish Sood, Working President, Sat Sharma, Kavinder Gupta (former Deputy Chief Minister), Nirmal Singh (former Deputy Chief

Congress govts tied hands of Army, Modi gave free hand: BJP Sainik colonies in each distt will be set up: Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma



J&K BJP Spokesperson, Lt Gen (Retd), Rakesh Sharma addressing a press conference.

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Prestigious Award Ceremony hosted by Maharaja Hari Singh Social & Educational Foundation

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JAMMU: In a grand tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh, the 129th birth anniversary of the last reigning monarch of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir was commemorated with great reverence and enthusiasm on Monday at Hari Niwas. The event was organized by the Founder Members of the Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation (MHSEF)- Ajatshatru Singh, Dr. Ritu Singh, Ranvijay Singh, and Adishree Singh. The ceremony commenced with a traditional Paakh by Asha Kesari, followed by the chanting of shlokas and the offering of floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, creating an ambience of respect and tradition. On this auspicious occasion, the Awards for Excellence 2024-25 were



Founder Members of MHSEF Ajatshatru Singh, Dr. Ritu Singh, Ranvijay Singh, and Adishree Singh and other at award ceremony.

conferred upon 23 distinguished personalities in recognition of their significant contributions across various fields in Jammu & Kashmir. The awards were presented by Dr. Ritu Singh, Founder Trustee of MHSEF. The distinguished awardees included Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta (Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu), Manoj Singh Gaur (Director, IIT Jammu), Padma Shri Mohan Singh (Writer and Theatre Artist), Prof. B. S. Sahay (Director, IIM Jammu), Dr. Zabeer Ahmed (Director, IIM Jammu), Prof. Umesh Rai (VC, University of Jammu), Seema Khajooria Shekher (Senior Advocate), Pranav Kohli (Lawyer), Baldev Prakash (MD & CEO, J&K Bank), Anil Tiekoo (Stage Actor), Sonali Dogra (Folk Singer), Seema Murthy (Advocate), Harvinder Kour (JKAS, Secretary). Their outstanding achievements were met with admiration and applause from the audience. Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar, both International Para-Archers, were also conferred the Awards of Excellence virtually. Their coach, Abhilasha Chaudhary, was lauded for her commendable guidance in shaping these athletes into world-class competitors. Dr. Ritu Singh also announced the upcoming launch of a legal-aid service, 'Dastoor', aimed at providing pro bono legal aid to the underprivileged people from rural, remote, and border areas of Jammu. The core team members of Dastoor, including Swati Dedechee, Mitali Gupta, Ankita Bansal, along with CA Ayush Sawhney, Adv. Naman Suri, Adv. Amandeep Jamwal, Adv. Vijayandra

acknowledged and appreciated. Dr. Ritu Singh also acknowledged the contributions of the three DPS schools of Jammu, Katra, and Nagbani, appreciating their hard work and alignment with Maharaja Hari Singh's vision for holistic education and community service. In her address, Dr. Ritu Singh highlighted Maharaja Hari Singh's progressive reforms and his visionary leadership. She emphasized the ethos and functioning of the Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation, which continues to operate based on his timeless values and principles. Adding to the celebration of Dogri culture, Sonali Dogra mesmerized the audience with her soul-stirring Dogri folk music, followed by a traditional Dogri folk performance by students from the Government Art and Cultural Academy, Jammu. The event was a fitting tribute to the great leader, reminding all present of his profound contributions to the social, cultural, and political landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. The ceremony was graced by an illustrious gathering of business entrepreneurs, educationists, health professionals, senior writers, journalists, and cultural artists from across the region. Ranvijay Singh and Adishree Singh concluded the ceremony by expressing their gratitude to the awardees and proposed the idea of having these esteemed individuals mentor students from the three DPS schools, government schools, and underprivileged communities, fostering the next generation of leaders and innovators.