

BJP will sweep J&K polls: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader MLA Candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa said that it is under his leadership that the foreign policy of India has given fame to the nation, which has resulted in the BJP-led government gaining popularity across the globe. While addressing the morning walkers in Channi himmat drops under Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa said, "Under the leadership of PM Modi, India is going to play the role of Vishvaguru in the near future. He elaborated that PM Modi has done an excellent job in the last ten successful years of good governance, and he expressed that in foreign diplomacy, Modi Sarkar has done a splendid job. Randhawa slammed the



BJP Candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa addressing public meeting.

National Conference and Congress for being in cahoots with Pakistan. "In a despicable attempt to win elections, the National Conference is falsely claiming that Article 370 will be restored if they come to power. Let me assure you that Article 370 has been done and dusted forever," he said. He promised all-round development in his Bahu constituency. He said "better education, health facilities, and improving the infrastructure were his priorities for the

public. "My vision for this constituency, which is my home, is a progressive, prosperous Bahu seat where we can offer better education and better health services," he said. Randhawa asserted that this is the India of today, one that will not submit, will cooperate with allies, and is willing to go to any lengths to ensure the security of anything. Randhawa also cited the PM Narendra Modi-led government's successful governance, including its initia-

tives on economic development, national security, and social welfare, as key factors that would propel it to a sweeping win in J&K assembly polls. Randhawa stated that the last 10 years have witnessed a series of revolutionary governance reforms happening under the guidance of PM Modi, which were basically inspired by the spirit of "minimum government, maximum governance" and increasing citizen centricity to bring ease

of living for every citizen of the country. He also appealed to the people of Bahu constituency to vote for peace, progress, and development under the Modi government to power once again in assembly polls to increase the pace of development in the whole nation, especially Jammu & Kashmir; adding the Modi government has brought peace and prosperity to the J&K.

Randhawa enlightens as India is aiming to become a developed country by 2047. The BJP-led government wants the common man to know how the government functions and how they can be associated with and become a part of the development process." He enlightened that in 2014, when Narendra Modi took the oath as PM, India's economy was in the 14th position in the world, and today it has jumped to the fifth place.

Sumit Sharma conducts door-to-door campaign to gain support



Sumit Sharma, Sainik Samaj Party candidate for Jammu West constituency with others.

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JAMMU: Sumit Sharma, the Sainik Samaj Party candidate for the Jammu West constituency, received a significant boost during his door-to-door campaign, supported by Anuradha Pathania, Managing Director of Annizone Meadows of Angels. The campaign focused on Ward 24 and its adjacent areas.

Pathania emphasized the need for a shift in politics

towards a more constructive and nationalist approach, advocating for candidates who are educated, competent, dynamic, and uncorrupted. "We must support visionary candidates who prioritize the welfare and development of our nation," she stated.

During the campaign, key points from the party's manifesto were shared with residents, and the issues faced by the com-

munity were documented. Voters were encouraged to actively participate in the electoral process, especially after a decade-long gap.

Sumit Sharma appealed to the electorate to support the Sainik Samaj Party, highlighting its commitment to serving the Union Territory and its people from a genuine nationalist perspective. He urged voters to come forward in large numbers and exercise their right to vote.

PM Modi's rally on Sept 28 in Jammu, Reddy, Sood review preparations at MA Stadium



Union minister, G Krishna Reddy visiting MA Stadium.

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JAMMU: The union minister, G Krishna Reddy, who is also in charge of J&K elections, Ashish Sood, Seh-Prabhari, and other BJP leaders on Tuesday reviewed the preparations for PM Modi's rally which will be held at MA Stadium Jammu on 28th of this month.

The senior leaders of the BJP today visited the MA stadium to review the arrangements for the Prime Minister's mega rally.

G. Kishan Reddy, Ashish Sood, and other senior leaders of the BJP inspected the venue where the rally is scheduled to be held. The leaders reviewed

the rally's arrangements, security measures, and public facilities and issued instructions to officials to ensure no shortcomings in the preparations and people do not face any inconvenience.

In this rally, Prime Minister Modi will campaign for BJP candidates from Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, and Kathua districts.

The third and final phase of elections in these districts will be held on October 1, 2024. The BJP leaders said that this rally will be historic and people from all across J&K will come to listen to the PM.

The BJP leaders said that all preparations for the rally have been completed.

JKPSA celebrates one year completion of newly elected body

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JAMMU: A mega event was organized under the banner of Jammu Kashmir Private Schools Association (JKPSA) on the completion of one year of newly elected body under the chairmanship of Kamal Gupta, chairman JKPSA in which more than 113 representatives of private schools from different districts of Jammu region were present.

The proceedings of the program were carried out by the stage secretary Maitree Jain whereas Gaurav Charak, Publicity Secretary presented vote of thanks to all the members who had come to witness this mega event at the time of valediction of the function.

The General Secretary of the Association, Satpal Mansotra welcomed the august gathering and presented detailed report of challenges and achievements. He said that government has



JKPSA office bearers after the meeting at Jammu on Tuesday.

granted recognition of all such schools whose recognition orders were pending since April 2019 to March 2023, all schools which were constructed on own land had been de-tagged, a panel to check the menace of dummy admission has been constituted by the government, all schools which were deprived from uploading eligibility / migration have been allowed to submit the same on offline mode without late fee etc. Members present in the convocation highlighted their number of sufferings which they face in their day to day life from the education

and its allied departments.

Ajay Gupta, president of the association listened to the speakers and said that government is hell bent to demoralize the owners of the small private schools which had been established in early 80s in the remotest and far flung areas by issuing orders on the hypothetical presumptions. Since 2002 to till date government at all the walk had made number of attempts to put hurdles on the small private schools to support CBSE and government schools by issuing different orders, notifications, circulars viz SRO 123 of

2010, SRO 292 of 2018, circular no.02 of 2022, SO 177 of 2022 & SO 233 of 2022 but association has fought with tooth and nails to overcome all types of challenges and hurdles created or generated by the different departments.

He assured all the members that association will fight with government for the generation of online, single window and time bound mechanism. We will pressurize the government to put late fee or penalty to those inspectors/officials who follow delay tactics for the issuance of NOCs instead of putting late fee or penalty

on the small private schools, he added.

He appealed all the members to have courage to fight for the cause to loosen all types of bureaucratic bottlenecks.

Kamal Gupta, Chairman JKPSA, showered his blessings to Ajay Gupta and his team for their devotion and courage to fight against the wrong deeds of the government. He appealed to all the private schools owners of JKUT to strengthen Ajay Gupta by giving full support.

Prominent who spoke on the occasion included Deepak Handa (Sr. Vice President), Kiran Raina (Vice President), Sanjeev Luthra, Lal Chand Gandotra, Rashpal Singh, Ram Prakash Sharma, Raja Shahzad, Kulwinder Singh Jamwal, Ashwini Sharma, Ankur Arora, Pradeepak Sambyal, Anil Sharma and Kanika Sharma.

Vistas of Creativity: Poster Making Competition marks International Week of the Deaf

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JAMMU: The Department of Home Science (Human Development), University of Jammu, hosted a vibrant and thought-provoking Poster Making Competition today to celebrate the International Week of the Deaf. The event, themed "Vistas of Creativity", aimed to raise awareness about the Deaf community and their contributions to society, while also providing a platform for students with special needs to express their ingenuity and creativity.

Children of the J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired, Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu showcased their artistic talents through posters that vividly captured the essence of their Deaf experience. Each entry emphasized themes of inclusivity, empowerment, and the importance of breaking communication barriers. Some of the posters portrayed the beauty of sign language, while others focused on the challenges faced by the Deaf



Students posing with faculty and other dignitaries.

community in their everyday lives.

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head of the Department of Home Science and Coordinator Disability Initiatives, University of Jammu inaugurated the event, highlighting the importance of sensitizing the society especially the youth to the issues and

rights of the Deaf community.

"This competition is not just about art; it's about using creativity as a medium to communicate and advocate for a more inclusive society. We are proud to be part of the global movement supporting the Deaf community," she remarked in her

opening speech.

50 hearing impaired children participated in the event and were judged by a panel of esteemed faculty members. The winning posters were recognized for their originality and impactful messages. The top entries will be displayed in the Department of Home Science providing a

platform for ongoing dialogue about the experiences of deaf individuals.

The event concluded with a brief address by Prof. Rajni Dhinra, former Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu who commended the efforts of the Home Science Department and encouraged students to actively participate in such initiatives. She emphasized the need to foster an inclusive environment on campus and in society at large. She mentioned that such events not only promote creativity but also spread a message of inclusivity and respect for diversity.

Roshan Bhan, Principal of J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired graced the occasion with his presence. The teachers of the school Ms. Neelam, and Ms. Geetanjali were also present on the occasion.

Team of research scholars and students of the Department of Home Science helped in successful conduct of the competition.

Former Congress leaders Kulbhushan Khajuria, Kalpana Devi join BJP

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JAMMU: In Jammu and Kashmir, former Congress leader and ex-Sarpanch Kulbhushan Khajuria and former Panch Kalpana Devi, along with their supporters, have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

A grand welcome was accorded to them at the party headquarters by Union Minister and BJP's Jammu and Kashmir election in-charge, G. Kishan Reddy, and Jammu and Kashmir BJP's acting president Sat Sharma.

The event also witnessed the presence of BJP leaders from the Marh Assembly constituency, as well as senior party leaders Ashish Sood and Kavinder Gupta.

On this occasion, G. Kishan Reddy stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's relentless efforts for Jammu and Kashmir have not only set the region on the path to peace but also



BJP senior leaders welcoming newly joined members.

sparked a revolution in the fields of construction and development.

He highlighted that every aware section of society is being influenced by this progress and joining the BJP. Speaking at the event, the party's acting president, Sat Sharma, expressed that the inclusion of Kulbhushan Khajuria and Kalpana Devi in the party will play a significant role in strengthening the BJP in the Marh Assembly constituency.

He added that the massive participation of people in

the BJP's public programs is a testament to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's selfless services for Jammu and Kashmir.

Today, the BJP is receiving overwhelming support from all sections of society in Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed confidence that the BJP will secure a decisive majority in Jammu and Kashmir, forming the government on its own, and that the double-engine government will take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development and prosperity.

JU Law School students champion voting rights through Nukkad Natak



Students and faculty of The Law School, JU posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: To raise electoral awareness and voter participation, the students of The Law School, University of Jammu, organized Nukkad Natak titled "Samvidhan Ka Samman, Matdaan Ka Adhikaar."

This event was part of the Third Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition, 2024, organized by NLSIU, Bengaluru, and Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The program attracted an audience from various departments,

including notable faculty members, the NSS Unit, and the District SVEEP Team.

Opening the event, Piyush Khajuria, Rishabh, and their team delivered an engaging musical performance that set the tone for the day, emphasizing the crucial role of youth in shaping a democratic society. Their energetic presentation served as a reminder of the importance of active participation in the electoral process.

The highlight of the program was a powerful Nukkad Natak performed by students, which traced the historical journey of voting rights in India, from independence to the present day. The play intricately woven

together themes of constitutional rights, the attributes of a good candidate, and the significance of election manifestos. It also addressed contemporary challenges to free and fair elections, ensuring the audience was both informed and engaged. The talented cast, including Suhansi Sharma, Tanvi Bhagat, Janvi Sharma, Diksha Sangra, Bhagirathi, Usman, Raghvendra, Harshika, and Aditya, delivered a spellbinding performance under the expert guidance of Drama Instructor Smiti. Their dedication and creativity brought to life the struggles and achievements associated with

voting rights, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School, commended the students for their activism, highlighting the critical message that every vote matters. Her words resonated with the attendees, reinforcing the importance of individual participation in the democratic process. The event also featured contributions from several distinguished faculty members along with members of the District SVEEP Team, including Dr. Avinect, Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Ms. Poonam, Dr. Sita Ram Shastri, NSS Unit-3 Volunteers and Ms. Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer, JU), participated actively, enhancing the program's impact.

Overall, Dr. Nitan Sharma, Faculty Member, The Law School, was instrumental in coordinating the event, ensuring it served both as an educational platform and a call to action for students to recognize their electoral rights.

CBC organizes two-day outreach programme at Turtuk



GHSS Turtuk students at a programme.

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NUBRA: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on Tuesday organized a two-day Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) cum Photo Exhibition at Government Higher Secondary School, Turtuk, Leh. The event aimed at raising awareness about Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), Poshan Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission), and the New Criminal Laws was organized by CBC's Anantnag and Leh field units.

Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Sonam Tsephel presided over the proceedings on the inaugural day.

The programme, held in one of the remotest regions, emphasized the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle, understanding the significance of nutrition, and familiarizing the local population with India's new criminal laws. The information dissemination is being done through a series of informative photo exhibits, printed IEC material and expert lectures.

Resource persons from the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Environment, and Law departments urged participants to embrace the principles of Mission LiFE, follow the guidelines of Poshan Abhiyaan, and adhere to the new criminal laws.

Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Anantnag,

delivered the welcome address, highlighting the crucial role CBC plays in outreach activities. He emphasized that these programmes focus on creating awareness among grassroots communities, especially in far-flung areas, enabling them to benefit from various government schemes and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer, Srinagar impressed upon the students to be torch bearers of the change envisaged under Mission LiFE and Poshan Abhiyan. He said that youth are key in bringing the positive change in the society.

Several departments set up stalls showcasing government initiatives and schemes, offering insights into a range of welfare programs available to the public.

An open quiz and a drawing competition was also held for the participants, besides cultural performances by the students. The participants were awarded with mementoes and certificates at the conclusion of the programme.

On the concluding day experts will educate the people on various aspects of organic farming and sustainable food systems.