

Randhawa's popularity soars in Bahu Constituency

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) popular leader, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa, has witnessed a significant surge in popularity among the residents of Bahu assembly seat.

As Randhawa continues to connect with voters through his door-to-door campaign, the public meeting at Ranibagh and its adjoining areas has affectionately dubbed him the "Rising Star" of Bahu Constituency.

The people of Bahu Constituency have overwhelmingly expressed their appreciation for Randhawa's dedication, sincerity, and vision for development. His ability to listen to their concerns and provide tangible solutions has resonated deeply with the community. Randhawa has brought a



BJP candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa addressing public meeting.

new wave of enthusiasm to our constituency," said the local populace. "His humility and willingness to serve the people have earned him our respect and support."

While interacting with senior citizens, women, students, and shopkeepers in these areas, he shared with them that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed ten years in the office, and this period

has been splendid in all matters. The list of achievements of the Modi government is very long, as numerous megaprojects of development were initiated during these years and also countless welfare schemes launched for the poor and needy in the country.

He asked the people to go through the achievements of the Modi government and also educate oth-

ers about what has been done without any discrimination.

He asked the people not to get misled by the false propaganda of the Congress and other regional parties and to strengthen the BJP, as it is the only party that takes care of one and all in a fair manner. He said that the nine-year rule of Narendra Modi has written new chapters of devel-

opment and welfare, which has turned opposition parties speechless. Randhawa's rising popularity is a testament to his tireless efforts to serve the people of Bahu Constituency. As the election approaches, his momentum is expected to continue, solidifying his position as a strong contender for the MLA seat.

Quote from Randhawa "I am humbled by the overwhelming support from the people of Bahu Constituency. Their trust and faith in me fuel my determination to work tirelessly for their welfare and development. I pledge to continue serving the community with dedication and sincerity."

With Randhawa's popularity on the rise, Bahu Constituency is poised for transformative growth and development under his leadership.

Rahul Gandhi-The non-serious politician: Dr. Jasrotia

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JAMMU: In a sharp critique, Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, BJP Spokesperson and Prabhari for Social Media, described Rahul Gandhi as a "non-serious politician" who has failed to earn respect or credibility, not only among the opposition but even within his own party and from his allies. Dr. Jasrotia's remarks came in response to a recent statement by former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who suggested that Rahul Gandhi should focus on Jammu as he has been a major failure in Kashmir.

Dr. Jasrotia highlighted the growing sentiment across the political spectrum that Rahul Gandhi's influence has waned significantly. "The irony is that no one, whether the opposition, his own Congress party, or his political allies, takes Rahul Gandhi seriously anymore. The country as a whole doesn't take him seriously at all. The only people



who seem serious about him are those conspiring against Bharat (India)," Dr. Jasrotia said.

Further intensifying his criticism, Dr. Jasrotia referred to the recent controversy surrounding Rahul Gandhi's pictures with US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who has been known for her anti-India stance. "Congress ka haath dushman ke saath" (The hand of Congress is with the enemy), he said, accusing Gandhi of aligning with forces hostile to India's interests.

He added that such actions by Rahul Gandhi not only

damage his own reputation but also raise serious concerns about the Congress Party's position on national security. "At a time when India is progressing and emerging stronger on the global stage, those who are threatened by this progress seem to take Rahul Gandhi seriously. His association with individuals who challenge India's sovereignty raises critical questions about his political alignment," Dr. Jasrotia remarked.

Concluding his statement, Dr. Jasrotia assured the public that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the nation remain vigilant in safeguarding India's progress from both internal and external threats.

"Rahul Gandhi may be a non-serious politician, but the danger he poses, intentionally or not, is something we take seriously. The BJP is committed to ensuring India's growth and protecting it from any detractors," he said.

Kavinder reviews preparations for PM Modi's upcoming rally in Jammu

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Friday visited MA Stadium to review the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming rally scheduled on September 28 in Jammu. Accompanied by senior party leaders and workers, the BJP stalwart assessed the arrangements and stressed the importance of ensuring a well-coordinated event that reflects the party's dedication and commitment to the people of Jammu.

Speaking during the visit, Kavinder Gupta, who is also in-charge of J&K BJP's Election Committee, asked party workers to leave no stone unturned in making the rally a resounding success, as it holds significant importance in boosting the BJP's campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir. He emphasized that the rally is a crucial moment to galvanize support and showcase the Party's dedication to the region's development under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. He said that the preparations for the upcoming rally are in full swing, with party workers and local leaders ensuring all logistical and security arrangements are in place to welcome the Prime Minister and a large gathering of supporters.

"This rally will be a historic moment for Jammu, as we reaffirm the region's unwavering support for Prime Minister Modi and his vision for a progressive and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir. It will also serve as a key event in gearing up for the upcoming Assembly elections, where we aim to secure a strong mandate from the people of Jammu," he stated.

Kavinder called on party cadre to work tirelessly to ensure maximum participation and stressed that the rally would be a platform to outline the BJP's roadmap for further development and welfare in Jammu & Kashmir.

The senior BJP leader also appealed to the people of Jammu to come forward and actively participate in this landmark rally. He highlighted that the rally is not only a celebration of the government's achievements but also a pivotal step in ensuring the success of the party's Assembly election campaign.

"Prime Minister Modi's leadership has brought peace, development, and new opportunities to Jammu & Kashmir. I invite the people of Jammu to join us on September 28 at MA Stadium and show their support for the ongoing efforts to build a better future for our region and give a strong mandate to the BJP in the upcoming elections," he added.

JKGPA celebrates World Pharmacist Day

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JAMMU: The Jammu Kashmir Government Pharmacists Association (JKGPA) celebrated World Pharmacist Day today at the Conference Hall of Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

The event was presided over by Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, President of JKGPA, and honored the contributions of Prof. Mahadeva Lal Schroff, the father of pharmacy in India. Dr. Rakesh Magotra, Director of Health Services Jammu, served as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a ceremonial lamp lighting by Dr. Magotra and Smt. Lotika Khajuria, President of the State Pharmacy Council, along with Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Medical Superintendent of



Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, President JKGPA and other at a meeting.

Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, and Sh. Surinder Mohan Tikoo, Registrar of the State Pharmacy Council.

During the event, Sushil Sudan, President of JKMEF and member of the Pharmacy Council of India, highlighted the life and achievements of Prof. Schroff, who significantly advanced pharmacy education both in India and abroad.

He noted the critical amendments to the Pharmacy Act of 1948 by Parliament, which benefit-

ed approximately 27,000 pharmacists affected by the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Vinod Kumar emphasized the vital role of pharmacists in delivering essential health services to the public. He outlined the involvement of pharmacists in national health initiatives,

including the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Vector-Borne Diseases Control Programme, National Hepatitis Control Programme, PMJAY, and the Jan Aushadhi Programme. "Pharmacists are always ready to serve the community and ensure the successful implementation of these programs," he stated.

In a gesture of appreciation, retired pharmacists who dedicated their careers to the health department were honored with certificates and mementos. This year's World Pharmacist Day theme, "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health

Needs," was highlighted to raise awareness about the importance of pharmacists in healthcare.

The event was attended by numerous dignitaries, including Parulal Singh, Shafket Hussain, Sourab Bakshi, Jasvinder Singh, Surjeet Rajan, Sanjay Choudhary, R.P. Singh, Bahadur Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Gagan Singh, Daleep Choudhary, Rakesh Bakshi, Anil Khajuria, Pawan Kumar, and Madan Sharma, among others.

As the celebration concluded, participants reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing public health through the vital services provided by pharmacists.

Rekha Mahajan intensifies door-to-door campaign in RS Pura Constituency

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Rekha Mahajan in Jammu South, has taken her door-to-door campaign at Jallochak in RSPURA, connecting with residents and urging them to support the BJP in the assembly elections.

Rekha Mahajan emphasized the party's commitment to development, good governance, and the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

She praised the BJP's governance model, which has been appreciated in all corners of J&K. She cited the party's achievements in promoting social welfare, economic freedom, and nationalist foreign policy.

Mahajan also highlighted the BJP's efforts in empowering the youth and marginalized communities, fostering inclusive growth and development, and ensuring transparency and accountability in governance.

Rekha Mahajan underscored the significance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, which has



BJP senior leader Rekha Mahajan at election campaign.

been instrumental in transforming J&K into a hub of development and progress. She expressed confidence in the party's prospects, citing its commitment to strengthening national security and integrity under PM Modi's guidance.

Mahajan's door-to-door campaign aims to strengthen the party's grassroots presence and engage with voters. She has been visiting several households, listening to people's concerns, and distributing party flags and literature. Mahajan encouraged BJP workers to utilize social media platforms to spread the party's message and vision.

Rekha Mahajan urged the people of Jammu South Constituency to support the BJP's mission of transforming J&K into a model of development and progress. She appealed to the voters to reject the misleading promises of other parties and trust the BJP's commitment to J&K's welfare.

By supporting the BJP, the people of Jammu South Constituency can contribute to the party's vision of a prosperous and developed J&K. Rekha Mahajan's door-to-door campaign is a testament to the BJP's commitment to public service and its dedication to empowering the people of J&K.

JKAACL organizes cultural programme at CUJ

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, Harvinder Kaur, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) organized a mesmerizing cultural program today at the Central University of Jammu.

The event was part of the one-day national seminar on NEP 2020 for Viksit Bharat: Integrating Bhartiya Knowledge Systems with Education. The program brought together performers and artists from the region, showcasing the rich cultural



Artists performing in a cultural programme.

heritage of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. The event successfully highlighted the essential role of culture in education, reinforcing the importance of preserving traditional

knowledge systems for the overall development of the nation.

The program commenced with a spiritual and elegant Ganesh Vandana performed by

Aakash Dogra and his group from Natyaroots. The invocation dance, dedicated to Lord Ganesha, set a graceful and divine tone for the rest of the evening, evoking a sense of reverence and cultural depth. The audience was captivated by the seamless coordination and expressive movements of the group, reflecting the significance of traditional arts in Indian culture.

Following the Ganesh Vandana, the cultural program continued with a vibrant series of dance performances by Aakash Dogra, who brilliantly showcased traditional Dogri, Kashmiri, and Ladakhi dance forms.

Accompanying the dance performances, Vanshika Jaral enchanted the audience with her soulful rendition of Dogri folk songs, most notably "Lage Kanchi Dile Ge..." Her vocal prowess, coupled with the emotional depth of the song, left the audience spellbound and evoked a strong sense of cultural pride.

The musical ensemble was equally impressive, with Sahil Jasotra on Tabla, Rakesh Jasotra on flute, Krishan Kumar on keyboard, Rakesh Kumar on Octopad, and Naman on guitar. Together, they created a harmonious blend of classical and contemporary sounds that perfectly complemented the cultural presentations. Their performances not only highlighted individual expertise but also reflected the rich musical traditions of the region.

Adding to the program's appeal was the anchoring by Muskaan Gupta, whose energy and charm kept the audience engaged throughout. Her skillful presentation and lively interaction with the audience ensured the event ran smoothly and maintained a vibrant atmosphere.

Program in-charge Sanjeev Gupta, Special Officer for Cultural Activities, Kathua, efficiently coordinated the event, ensuring its smooth execution and overall success.

Sandhya SVEEP rally held at Bahu Plaza



DEO Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and others at a programme.

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JAMMU: A Sandhya SVEEP rally was held this evening at Bahu Plaza, aiming to raise awareness about voter participation in the J&K Assembly Elections. The event was presided over by District Election Officer Sachin Kumar Vaishya, alongside election Nodal Officers including ADDC Sher Singh and ACD Dr

Vikas Sharma. Addressing the gathering, the DEO encouraged all participants, particularly first-time voters, to actively participate in the democratic process in large numbers. He emphasised the importance of electoral participation for a stronger democracy.

Later, a rally was held from Bahu Plaza to Zorawar Singh Chowk, where participants,

including district officers and the public, motivated the general populace to cast their votes and ensure widespread electoral participation.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the public, particularly the youth, as part of the ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation campaign to promote voter awareness.

These elections are expected to bring much-needed positive change on ground: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Wednesday, expressed hope that the ongoing assembly elections would bring about positive and meaningful change on the ground, particularly in alleviating the hardships faced by the people,

especially the youth.

He stated that the upcoming government have to shoulder significant responsibilities to ease the miseries and problems of the people.

He also emphasised that the central government must ensure initiatives for a better future for the youth.

Bukhari made these remarks while speaking to reporters

after casting his vote at his native polling booth at the Mallinson School in Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar, early this morning.

Responding to a question about youth's role in restoring peace in the Valley, Bukhari said, "The government of India is also expected to acknowledge the contributions of the youth who have played a pivotal role

in the positive developments in J&K in recent years."

Apni Party President that the government that is coming up as a result of ongoing elections have to play a significant role after assuming charge.

When asked about some 'separatists' participating in the ongoing elections, Bukhari said, "There were never any separatists here. Those you are

referring to initially wanted to bring about change through the ballot box, but they were not allowed to change the government through voting.

That is why they later resorted to other means to bring about change. Anyway, I am pleased to see that now everyone has faith in this democratic process, and people are actively participating."

School Soil Health Card Scheme gaining attention of students to save mother soil

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JAMMU: Under the direction of Director Agriculture Jammu, Dr. Arvinder Singh Reen, a team led by Dr. Neeraj Rajwal from the District Soil Testing Laboratory recently conducted a field visit to Kalyanpur in the Marh subdivision. This initiative aimed to register farmers and collect soil samples using a mobile app as part of the School Soil Health Card Scheme, a pilot project launched by the Government of India in collaboration with the Department of School Education and Literacy.

This program provides students the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiments, ana-



Students and officials at a programme.

lyze soil samples, and explore the biodiversity within soil. Dr. Rajwal emphasized that through these practical activities, students would develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while gaining a holistic understanding of

ecosystems. The initiative also teaches sustainable agricultural practices and highlights the importance of soil health.

Schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Eklavya Model Schools, and Government

Higher Secondary Schools are participating in this program. Students will collect soil samples, analyze them in mini labs set up at their schools, and generate A training session on the online portal and batch formation was held at the school, led by Agriculture Department officials. Simran Kumari, an 11th-grade student from Hr. Sec. School Jhiri, expressed enthusiasm for the program, noting the importance of involving students in such initiatives. The principal, staff, and students of Hr. Sec. School Jhiri extended their gratitude to the Director Agriculture Jammu and the team for their guidance and support.

BJP is slated to form next government in J&K: Dr Narinder

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R S PURA: The Bharatiya Janata Party will form the government in Jammu and Kashmir as opposed parties like National Conference, Congress and PDP have already conceded defeat after the second phase of polling, said Dr Narinder Singh Raina here on Wednesday while addressing a series of public rallies. Taking a dig at Omar Abdullah for suggesting to Rahul Gandhi to focus on campaigning in Jammu region Dr Raina said that



BJP candidate Dr Narinder Singh Raina at a public meeting.

"Congress has conceded defeat in Jammu region and vindicated our stand that BJP is the only party which will be victorious from here". It is a historic moment for

the voters of Jammu region as there vote will determine the future of Jammu and Kashmir and who will form the next government. Said Dr Raina.

Stressing that each vote needs to be cast for a vibrant economy and stability of society he appealed to the people to exercise their power with great wisdom and caution.

Dr Raina, while promising all round development, said that his vision for his constituency was better hospitals and schools.

"I want to build RS Pura as a model constituency which will be a pride and show case in Jammu and Kashmir. Vote for a better future," he appealed.