

# Sharma Urges Sunderbani-Kalakote Electorate to Vote for BJP's communal narrative weakening national unity: Rattan Lal

## Development and Justice Under PM Modi's Leadership



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JAMMU, APR. 24: Former Minister and State Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Sham Lal Sharma, addressed a massive gathering at the Sunderbani-Kalakote Assembly constituency today, urging the people to vote in favor of BJP MP candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma.

In his address, Sham Lal Sharma highlighted the significant strides made by the Modi government, particularly emphasizing the sense of justice that the people of Jammu have experienced following the abrogation of Article 370. He underscored that under previous regimes of the National Conference, Congress, and PDP, the people of Jammu felt neglected and cheated, with the lion's share of development and opportunities favoring Kashmir.

Sham Lal Sharma further asserted that the era of dynasty politics, which had plagued both India and Jammu Kashmir, is now being replaced by governance that prioritizes the interests of the nation as a

whole. He credited the strength of Sanatan Dharma and the monumental achievements such as the construction of the Ram Mandir after 500 years and the establishment of a Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sham Sharma emphasized that under the governance of the BJP, there has been a noticeable calmness along the borders, creating an environment of stability and tranquility in the border regions of Jammu.

This sustained peace has not only safeguarded the lives and livelihoods of the residents but has also paved the way for enhanced economic activities and social development in these areas.

Highlighting the incumbent government's transformative initiatives in the Jammu province, Sham enumerated a litany of landmark projects aimed at fostering prosperity and well-being. From prestigious educational institutions like IIT and IIM to critical infrastructure projects such as FCI, AIIMS, and the Shahpur Kandi Project, the govern-

ment's unwavering focus on holistic development stands testament to its commitment to the region's progress.

Encouraging the electorate to once again empower Prime Minister Modi, Sham Lal Sharma called for a resounding victory for the BJP, aiming for a historic achievement of securing over 400 seats in the upcoming elections.

Speaking on the occasion Former Minister Priya Sethi, in a resounding show of support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, lauded his transformative leadership, hailing him as a beacon of progress and a global statesman. Sethi emphasized the unparalleled strides made under PM Modi's stewardship, propelling India into a new epoch of development and elevating its stature on the world stage.

She also emphasized the 33% quota for women's representation and highlighted the passage of a bill extending the provisions of the women's reservation law to Jammu and Kashmir, labeling it a "significant step" towards empowering women in the region. Sethi asserted that women's empowerment is synonymous with national empowerment, emphasizing that both women and the nation are poised to reach greater heights during the Amrit Kaal till 2047.

As the electoral landscape takes shape, Former Minister Priya Sethi's impassioned endorsement of Prime Minister Modi's leadership and unequivocal support for Jugal Kishore Sharma resonate as a clarion call for unity and progress, setting the stage for a resounding victory in the Jammu - Reasi Constituency.

### Support INDIA Alliance Candidate Mian Altaf to oust BJP from power

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RAJOURI, APR. 24: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K National Conference today launched a scathing attack against the Saffron Party for its alleged attempts to sow communal divisions in the country for its petty political gains.

The senior NC leader was speaking during the election campaign meeting in support of Party's candidate Mian Altaf Ahmed in Village Kaller Block Dongi of district Rajouri.

During the campaign, Ch. Naseem Liaqat, DDC Chairman Rajouri, Th. Rameshwar Singh DDC Dhangri, Ch. Khilaid Hussain DDC Dongi, Ch. Reyaz former BDC Chairman Dongi, Ch. Maqbool Hussain former BDC Chairman Dhangri, Yashu Vardhan, Additional Spokesperson JKNC, Vijay Lochan, Chairman JKNC SC Cell, Shafayat Khan District President Rajouri, Showket Mir, Rakesh Singh Raka, and other senior leaders of the Party were present.

At the outset of the meeting, Th. Rameshwar Singh, DDC Dhangri and Provincial Vice President JKNC Jammu, apprised the senior functionaries of the Party about the hardships being faced by the people of hilly terrain in absence of basic amenities.

Addressing the gathering, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President lam-



basted the BJP for its relentless pursuit of divisive politics, which he described as detrimental to the nation's social, secular, fabric and democratic ethos.

"The BJP's continuous attempts to sow seeds of communal discord for its own electoral gains are deplorable and reprehensible. Their communal narrative is not only dividing communities but also weakening the very ethos of our nation."

Reacting over the 'Mangalsutra' remarks of PM Modi, Rattan Lal said that the Saffron Party was seeking to indulge in politics of religion but would not succeed as people of the country with diverse religious traditions live in harmony. He said that BJP's agenda of divisive politics will never succeed.

"National Conference has always stood strongly against divisive forces and will foil the machinations of those who were hell bent to destroy the multigrain social and secular fabric of the country," he added.

Adv. Naseem Liaqat,

DDC Chairman, Rajouri, expressed profound disappointment with the present government's indifferent attitude towards the populace amidst the absence of a popularly elected government. He underscored the government's failure to allocate sufficient funds for the development of hilly terrains, resulting in the deprivation of basic amenities for the people residing there.

Highlighting the plight of the weaker sections of society, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Ch. Khalid DDC Dongi, Ch. Reyaz, Ch. Maqbool, Khurshida Begum, lamented their continued neglect under the incumbent government.

They said that these marginalized communities have deprived of their due rights under the Modi regime. They stressed the urgent need to support the National Conference (NC) candidate for equitable development, emphasizing that only through such support can the marginalized segments of society hope for meaningful progress

and inclusivity in governance.

Thakur Yashu Vardhan Singh, Additional Spokesperson JKNC, Professor Vikar Rtd Principal and other senior leaders of congress said that the present Govt has miserably failed to do justice with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. They said today the youth is in utter frustration due to unemployment, lack of job avenues, recruitment seams in the government jobs. They said that the BJP led Govt has pursued only anti-people policies with people able to see only a bleak future for them.

The senior NC leaders and Congress leaders appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to get unite against divisive forces by extending full support to the INDIA Alliance Candidate Mian Altaf from Anantnag - Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency, in the endeavor to remove the BJP from power and restore the principles of inclusivity and pluralism in governance.

Among those who were present include: Rishat Khan, Nissar Ahmed, Tufail Hussain Block President, Qamran Tahir, Banshi Lal, Mohd Sadiq, Rattan Lal Mehta, Suraj Parkash, Vipan Pal Sharma Sarpanch, Ch. Ismail, Haji Aslam, Vivek Sharma, Rashid, Narjan Singh, Mohd Akhter and others.

### Induction programme organized at IGNOU Learner Support Centre 1201, DDE, University of Jammu for Fresh batch of learners enrolled for January 2024 admission session

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JAMMU, APR. 24: Induction programme for freshly enrolled learners of all programmes was organized at the Learner Support Centre of IGNOU 1201, DDE, University of Jammu today in which around hundred learners participated.

One thousand fifty three learners of different programmes have been allotted to this Centre for the recently concluded January 2024 admission session.

The Coordinator of the Centre, Prof. Rajeev Rattan, Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Director DDE, Assistant Coordinators and other LSC functionaries were present on the occasion. Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director and Assistant Regional Directors, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Dr. Asha Upadhyay and Dr. Vikram Singh were present on the occasion from the RC Jammu as resource persons.

Dr. Verma briefed the learners about various academic activities of IGNOU to be carried out during the course of their respective programmes. Several queries and issues of learners were discussed and resolved in an interactive session with the Coordinator and the resource persons.

The learners were in high spirits and expressed their pleasure for having participated in the Induction meeting which forms an important part of the learner support services.

### Govt Polytechnic Jammu organized Voter Awareness Activities under "SVEEP" NSS SMVDU, Katra organised Blood Donation Camp for the Thalassemia Patients



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JAMMU, APR. 24: Government Polytechnic Jammu today organized series of vibrant voter awareness activities under SVEEP programme. During the event, large number of students and staff participated in the various activities under SVEEP such as Pledge ceremony, debate, poster making and quiz competition. Speaking on the occasion, Er Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu enlightened the students on various aspects of SVEEP and said that SVEEP is a flagship programme of the Election Commission of India to promote voter educa-

tion and participation in elections.

The electoral awareness programme was held with an aim to enhance the voter participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections and sensitize the young voters about the value of vote.

At the start of the Programme, Pledge ceremony took place to ignite awareness among all students and staff for vigorous participation in upcoming General Elections-2024 Lok Sabha. In the Debate Competition, more than 32 students from Automobile Engg, Computer, Information Technology and Mechanical Engg expressed their opinion on the theme

"Importance of Voting in Democracy". 18 Students from Architecture, Mechanical and Medical Lab Technology participated in Poster Making competition and expressed their views about the Importance of Voting in the form of posters.

Electrical Engg Department conducted the quiz session for students. On the occasion a student's Parliament session was also organised by the Department of Instrumentation and Control Engg, Travel and Tourism and Architecture Assistantship. Students were encouraged to express their opinions on the theme of how the youth can effectively participated in the electoral process.

The events were organized successfully under the able guidance of worthy Principal, Er. Arun Bangotra and coordinated by HOD's/ Incharge Department of different departments Er. Jasdeep Kour, Er. Rani Devi, Er. Sanjay Koul, Er. Raj Kumar, Er. Sukhdeep Singh, Er. Manjeet Singh, Er. Raj Shekhar, Sh. Dhiraj Kumar (NSS), Mr. Chamel Singh PEM. All the faculty members and non-teaching staff also attended the programme.

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JAMMU, APR. 24: NSS SMVDU, Katra, in collaboration with the J&K Thalassaemia Welfare Society, successfully organized a blood donation camp at the SMVDU campus. This event united community members in support of a life-saving cause.

The camp was organised by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator, Dr. Kamaldeep, NSS Co-ordinator and Dr. Varun Dutta, Asst. Prof., SMVDU, and supported by Dr. Pallav Sharma and Dr. Anju Sharma from the Medical Aid Centre, SMVDU, the initiative witnessed an impressive turnout. Additionally, Dr. K.K. Kaul, Former Professor &HOD, Pathology Dept., GMC Jammu, graced the blood camp with his presence. Dr. Mitali Sharma and Dr. Rasmi from GMC, Jammu, oversaw and provided essential support at a blood donation camp. Fifty students and staff members from the University generously donated blood during the camp, showcasing acts of kindness and solidarity. This altruistic gesture holds the potential to significantly impact the lives of numerous individuals combating Thalassaemia, a genetic blood disorder. Er.



Sudhir Sethi, President of J&K Thalassaemia Welfare Society, Jammu, emphasized the vital role of regular blood donation camps for Thalassaemia patients, highlighting the growing need for blood due to frequent transfusions required by many patients.

He urged the community to actively participate in mitigating the sufferings of Thalassaemia children and preventing the birth of such children through genetic

counseling and proper antenatal advice. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, commended the organizing team's efforts, emphasizing that blood donation is not merely an act of kindness but a lifeline for those in need. He underscored the profound impact of collective action, illustrating how each donation represents a ray of hope for individuals bravely facing Thalassaemia.

### Sikhs got justice under Modi govt : Sirsa

#### Dreams of Congress will not come true: Vikram Choudhary



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JAMMU, APR. 24: Addressing a massive public gathering in Akali Kour Singh Nagar, Digiana, BJP National Secretary S. Manjinder Singh Sirsa, said that the Sikh community, which has the long history of supreme sacrifices, suffered humiliation, torture and loss of precious lives and properties in 1984 riots when Congress was in power at the centre. Thousands of Sikh families were attacked, their properties were looted, and damaged and there was no one to come to the rescue of the affected people.

For decades the affected families had been knocking doors for justice but it

of no use.

Sirsa said that the aggrieved Sikhs got justice when the Modi-led government came into power at the centre. He appealed the Sikhs to overwhelmingly support and vote BJP to teach Congress a lesson for its inhuman approach towards the community.

Former MLC and BJP senior leader, Choudhary Vikram Randhawa, while addressing the gathering, said that Congress is dreaming of winning the support of the voters in the Lok Sabha elections but it will never come true as the people had a very bitter experience with the times when this party was in power at the centre for decades

together and in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The programmes and policies of the Congress were confined to promoting dynastic rule, indulge in corrupt practices and swindling the hard-earned public money.

Vikram Randhawa said that Congress cannot escape the wrath of the Sikh community as it gave them tears and wounds. The Congress is going to be wiped out completely as different sections of the society have anger and resentment against it. No pleasing slogans or false promises will serve any purpose and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls will put the last nail in the coffin of Congress.

BJP leaders S. Charanjit Singh Khalsa, S. Amrik Singh, S. Paramjeet Singh, S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, S. Kanchan Singh, Dr. Surjeet Singh, S. Santokh Singh also addressed the gathering and sought support for the BJP.

### GCW Gandhinagar organises various activities under SVEEP



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JAMMU, APR. 24: P.S.P.S. Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, organises an Open Symposium on Voting Awareness. The event, organized in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) and the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative, aimed to educate and inspire young individuals to exercise their right to vote.

The symposium started with discussions, presentations, and interactive sessions, all focused on raising awareness about the importance of voting in a democratic society. Students took an oath to uphold their responsibility as active citizens. The pledge ceremony was a symbolic gesture, signifying their commitment to exercise their voting rights and encourage others to do the same. The atmosphere was electrify-

ing, filled with hope and determination to make a positive impact on the future of the nation. Speaking about the event, Dr. Pooja Charak the coordinator of the Electoral Literacy Club, expressed their gratitude to all the participants and the organizing committee for their dedication and hard work in making the symposium a resounding success.

Thereafter the students of the college alongwith faculty attended the Mega SVEEP Programme at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Following members were attended the whole programme are Prof. Paramjeet Singh (H.o.d Economics) Prof. Bindu Chib (H.o.d Hindi), Prof. Amjad Bhatti, Dr. Rachna Devi, Dr. Jagmeet Kour Khajuria, Dr. Manmeet kour, Prof. Anupamma, Dr. Suraj Mohani Jamwal, Prof. Sunita and Dr. Shelly Sabarwal.

### Showing the living form of charity - Human Unity Day

### "Human life should be dedicated to charity": Satguru Sudiksha

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JAMMU, APR. 24: "The human life that Nirankar God has given us, every moment of it should be dedicated to humanity; when such a beautiful feeling of charity arises in our heart, then in reality the entire humanity starts appearing as our own. Then the wish for the well-being of all becomes the goal of our life." The above expressions were expressed by Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj while addressing all the devotees on the occasion of 'Human Unity Day' in Delhi.

The holy occasion of Manav Ekta Diwas is dedicated to Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji's true services towards humanity, from which every devotee of the Nirankari world is taking inspiration and doing good in his life.

Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, the social wing of Sant Nirankari Mission, organized a series of blood donation camps in a big way at about 207 places across India today, in which about 50,000 units of blood were



collected.

While addressing the gathering at the blood donation camp on the occasion of Human Unity Day, Satguru Mata Ji said that the spirit of service has always been selfless. When such a spirit settles in our hearts, then our life is truly dedicated to the welfare of humanity. Such a life of altruism has been the basis of the divine teachings of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji.

Referring to the beautiful spirit of selfless service, Satguru Mata Ji explained that when the spirit of selfless service arises in our mind, then this world starts looking even more beautiful because then our spirit of service becomes a boon for the entire human family

in the form of concrete and action. Blood donation is such a supreme service done to save human life in which the selfless spirit of altruism is inherent. On this occasion, Nirankari Rajpta Ramit Ji also donated blood, which was undoubtedly a source of inspiration for the devotees and young volunteers of the Mission.

In Jammu, The Camp was inaugurated by Sh Atal Dullu IAS Chief Secretary Jammu Kashmir UT while speaking on the occasion he said that Voluntary blood donation camps organized by the Sant Nirankari Mission are boon to society. Together, let's create a culture of compassion and support by donating blood regularly.