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Dharmarth Trust celebrates Ram Navmi with religious fervour across J&K

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J&K Dharmarth Trust today celebrated Ram Navmi Festival with religious fervour in all the Ram Temples across the Union Territory.

The Ram Navmi celebrations commenced with Havan solemnized in the iconic Shree Raghunathji Temple in Jammu wherein Ranvijay Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust along with Brig R.S Langeh, President and Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary participated and offered Puran Aahutis by Grand Aarti in the Holy sanctum-sanctorum of the Temple.

Heavy rush of devotees was witnessed at the historical Raghunath Ji temple where people made long queues to participate in "Pooja" and other holy rituals.

Dulloo, Chief Secretary of J&K along with his wife also paid obeisance at Shree Raghunathji Temple on this auspicious occasion.

Later, A grandiose Shobha Yatra was taken out by the Trust to mark the festival of Ramnavmi from the historical Shri Raghunathji Temple, Jammu.

In this connection, Trustee Shri M.K Ajatshatru Singh, Kunwarani Dr Ritu Singh, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, former Mayor Rajinder Gupta, former minister Priya Sethi, former Deputy Mayor



Adv Purnima Sharma, Yudhviri Sethi, DIG JKS Range Sunil Gupta, SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar, Trust's President Brig R.S Langeh, Secretary Ashok Kumar Sharma (SSP Retd) and prominent citizens of Jammu presided over the Murti Poojan at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple. Thereafter, Rath Poojan and Dhawajorhan ceremonies were performed. Thousands of devotees comprising prominent citizens, politicians and heads of social and religious organizations participated in the Shobha Yatra. Members of Muslim brethren also accorded a rousing reception to the Yatra enroute.

This Shobha Yatra was conducted in collaboration with Sanatan Dharam Sabha and Dharmik Youvak Mandal. The Shobha Yatra started from the Shri Raghunathji Temple and was passed through various markets in-

cluding Residency Road, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazaar, Gita Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple, Shalamar Road, Indra Chowk, Hari Market, and finally successfully culminated at Shree Raghunath Ji Temple.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh, in his message, felicitated people on Ram Navami and prayed that this auspicious occasion would be the harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the celebration of festivals, which are an important part of our glorious heritage, strengthens communal harmony and brotherhood and reinvigorates the secular ethos. He prayed for peace and the well-being of the people of the Union Territory.

Tight security arrange-

ments were ensured by the District Administration across the city for the smooth conduct of Ramnavmi celebrations. During the Shobha Yatra various senior police officers also marked their presence to make arrangements robust and incident-free.

During the Shobha Yatra, famous sweethouse Rawalpindi among dozens of traders and shopkeepers installed eatable stalls for the devotees accompanying the Rath Yatra.

Prominent among those who were present include Varinder Singh Jamwal, Addl Secretary Dharmarth Trust, Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu, Dr Parshotam Dadechhi, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha, working President Prabhat Singh, General Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Anil Sharma, President Dharmik Youvak Mandal, Gopal Sharma and Hira Lal Abrol.

BJP set to sweep in Udhampur-Doda Kathua Parliament seat: Raina

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Launching a scathing attack on the opposition parties, Ravinder Raina said that NC, Congress, and PDP are completely filled with the tumour of Corruption, Nepotism and dishonesty. He said that these parties have destroyed the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir with their deceit and now it is the BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is correcting those grave mistakes.

Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir addressing the massive public rallies at Nashri, Maitra, Batote, Ramsu, Ukhral, Pogal-Paristan, Neel, Sawni Kadma and other areas in Banihal & Ramban Assembly Constituencies, in Ramban district, said that the with all the development-based record of past 10 years, BJP is all set to sweep in Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Parliament seat.

Ravinder Raina was accompanied by District President Rajeshwar Kumar, DDC Rakesh Thakur, DDC Renuka Katoch, DDC Jagbir Das, DDC Balbir Singh, Saleem Bhat, Aizaz Ahmad Bittu, Sarpanch Mohd Haneef Wani, Nawaz Hussain



Wani, Mandal President Riaz Ahmad, Ranjit Singh, Raghubir Singh, Ganesh Singh, Narain Singh, Amrit Varsha and other leaders of the party.

Ravinder Raina ferociously attacked the past governments led by NC, Congress, and PDP during his multiple public meetings in the Ramban District. He maintained that these parties destroyed the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh emotionally, socially, economically, and politically. He said that these parties viciously harmed the present and the

future of youth, women, and communities like refugees, Paharis, STs, SCs, and OBCs and dented the beautiful state in multiple ways. While asking the people to vote for peace and progress in the region and to defeat the divisive forces, Raina said that the Modi government has brought the vision to develop Jammu & Kashmir in a multipronged approach.

"The Modi government has given new medical colleges, nursing colleges, paramedical colleges, IIT, IIM, and AIIMS, Cancer Hospital, degrees colleges,

and engineering colleges, new industrial estates, e-buses, big investments, smart cities, roads, highways, tunnels, hydropower, four-lane highway and numerous other things. I must also thank and appreciate Dr. Jitendra Singh, who has shown paramount interest in developing this Parliamentary constituency by bringing unique projects", Raina said and appealed to all the voters to vote massively in favour of Dr. Jitendra Singh, the MP candidate of BJP from Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Parliament seat.

Nukkad Natak "Vote Keran ge hum, Vote Keran ge sab" Staged at Ramban

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The District Administration organized various vibrant Voter Awareness programs at prominent locations in District Ramban under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a lively Nukkad Natak "Vote Keran ge hum, Vote Keran ge sab" written & Directed by M. Akram Khan and was performed by Sangam Theatre Group Reasi at Tulip Garden Sanasar, Govt. High School Ramban, Bus Stand Ramban, Main Market of Ramban, SDM office Ground Ramsoo and Main Market Banihal, Led by District Election Officer (DEO) Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary (IAS), under the Supervision by District Nodal Officer SVEEP (ACP), M. Ashfaq Khan (JKAS), the initiative aimed to enhance understanding of voting-related processes and promote electoral literacy, particularly among first-time voters, preparing them for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024.



The Artist who performed the play were Anabia Khan, Anamika Devi, Nia Chouhan, Varun Khajuria, Raja Aamir Khan, Aasim Nadeem, Priya Kumari, Anu Radha, Nedhi Singh Thakur and Akram Khan.

Artists and speakers emphasized the initiative's commitment to inspiring young voters in the age of 18 years enrolled in the elec-

toral, more and more participation of younger's registered themselves to cast the vote properly in fair and ethical manners and strengthening the democratic setup to empower citizens.

They urged people, especially youth, to propagate the message of electoral participation to their families, relatives, and communities, emphasizing the significance of their role in nation building through elections.

They reiterated that a well-informed electorate is fundamental to ensuring a vibrant and representative democracy.

This highly motivating electrifying theatre performance educated the masses in a highly effective manner about the importance of voting the basic aims to stage the play is creating a strong movement ensuring maximum participation of voters in the electoral process.

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BJP Udhampur took out an impressive road show, which was led by senior leaders of party. The road show consisting of thousands of workers, including a large number of women activists started from Sailan Talab matador stand and passed through Chabutra Bazar, Gol Market, Mukherjee Bazar to Salathia Chowk via Sailan Talab on the last day of the election campaign.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary and State Election Incharge, Pawan Khajuria, BJP Vice President and State Lok Sabha election co-Incharge, Arun Gupta, District President, Balwant Singh Mankotia, former MLA, Pawan Kumar Gupta, former MLA, Ranveer Singh Pathania, former MLA, Sunil Sethi, Udhampur Doda Lok Sabha election incharge, and other senior leaders of party participated in the roadshow.

During the roadshow, party leaders also met with the business community



and appealed to them to cast their precious vote in favour of BJP's Doda-Udhampur MP candidate Dr Jitendra Singh. Ashok Koul, on the occasion, asked the residents of the Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Parliament seat to cast their vote on 19th April in favour of the BJP. He appealed to the people to first cast their votes on the polling day and then carry on other routine activities to strengthen the Democracy.

"The people of Jammu & Kashmir have suffered and

waited for their rights and their dreams for decades together. Now the Modi government has ensured that the call of the poor and the oppressed is heard and the remedial action taken. Now, this is the time to give more strength to the Modi government by voting in favour of the BJP on 19 April for the greater good of our generations", said Ashok Koul.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal mentioned that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the strength of the new India is resonat-

ing worldwide. Such a government has never been seen before, and it is essential to understand this and support the Modi government once again in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Pawan Khajuria said that the Modi government has worked for the needy and the neglected with a pure heart and won the hearts of people not only in Bharat but also around the globe. He asked the people to reject the corrupt parties and vote in favour of Modi Sarkar.

Kashmir-centric parties exploited STs for vote bank, BJP delivered them justice: Jugal

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The BJP candidate from Jammu-Reasi Jugal Kishore Sharma today criticized the Kashmir-centric political parties for exploiting the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community solely for vote bank politics and said it was the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre that finally delivered justice them for the first time since independence. Addressing a series of meetings in Arnas, Mahore and Salal areas of Reasi district, Sharma said the unfortunate reality is that the ST communities were never prioritized by Kashmir-centric politicians. "Instead, they were exploited for fleeting electoral gains, while their genuine concerns remained unaddressed," he said. The BJP leader said it

was after the abrogation of Article 370 that the SC/ST/OBCs got their rights in Jammu and Kashmir which were denied to them for last seven decades. The Central government's initiatives have aimed to address historical disparities, uplift socio-economic conditions, and ensure inclusive development for all sections of society, including the ST population," he said. Sharma said the BJP government has actively engaged with ST leaders and representatives to ensure their voices are heard in the decision-making process. "By promoting participatory governance and inclusive leadership, the BJP aims to empower ST communities to actively contribute to the development and governance of Jammu and Kashmir. Nine seats are reserved for STs in J&K assembly to politically empower the marginalized community," he said.



"It was the Prime Minister's commitment that the ST quota of Gujjars and Bakerwals would not be diluted while granting additional ST reservation to Pahari community people. Both the communities are now enjoying

the ST reservation without usurping each other's quota. The justice has been delivered to all the section of the society under the Prime Minister's vision Sabka Saath Sabka Vishwas," Sharma said. After the abroga-

tion of Article 370, the BJP government at the Centre extended the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, to Jammu and Kashmir as a people-friendly and progressive law

to ensure rights to weaker sections living in forest areas, he said. "Under the guidance of the Prime Minister, Jammu and Kashmir has empowered those who were discriminated since ages. Apart from implementation of forest rights act, the BJP government has made sincere endeavours for socio-economic development of all Scheduled Tribes through special educational, infrastructure and livelihood schemes.

Emphasis is being laid for empowering every member from Tribal community so that they can live a life of self respect and dignity," the BJP leader said. Later in the evening, he had an impressive road show in Reasi main market where thousands of people including women greeted the BJP candidate while expressing their full faith in the pro-people policies being adopted by the Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. Sharma also interacted with the senior leaders, workers of the party, and representatives of various social, religious and business organisations and sought their blessings in favour of the BJP to ensure the party's victory in Lok Sabha elections. District President

Rohit dubey, Prabhari Arvind Gupta, Senior BJP Leader Kuldeep dubey, DDC Chairman Saraf singh nag, Former Minister Ajay Nanda, Kabla singh Ajay Nanda ex minister Sukhdev Singh Romail singh Pardeep singh chassana Mandal Pardhan Mohan lal Baldev Singh Sukhdev Singh Bansilal Abdul Majid Mohd Akram Mohd ikhlakh Mushtaq Malik Uma Devi Renu Sharma Mohd Rafiq Raj Kumari DDC Neena Devi BDC Abdul Rashid DDC Kewal Singh Joginder Singh Pawan dev singh Chaman bhagat Chain singh Reeta Devi DDC.