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Will BJP Field Several Prominent Candidates in the Rajasthan Assembly Elections

Rajasthan is gearing up for its state assembly elections, scheduled to take place at the end of this year, and all political parties are actively working on selecting their candidates. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been making efforts to finalize its list of candidates, and senior members of the party's core committee are currently in Delhi to deliberate on the matter. It is expected that the official announcement of the candidates' list might be made at the beginning of Navratri, owing to the ongoing observance of the Shraadh period, a period of religious rituals.

There is speculation that the BJP might field several prominent candidates in the Rajasthan Assembly elections this time, including some surprising names. Similar to the strategy employed in Gujarat, some



leaders may voluntarily choose not to contest elections. Additionally, some Central ministers and MPs could be asked to con-

test in the state assembly elections. The BJP aims to give opportunities to young and fresh faces while not hesitating to

field experienced leaders who have a track record of winning elections.

Based on electoral surveys conducted by the BJP at its level, it appears that the party does not rule out the possibility of victory in Rajasthan. One of the main reasons for this is that, on the surface, there doesn't seem to be a strong anti-incumbency wave against the Congress government led by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. However, Congress's infighting and dissatisfaction among voters, especially among unemployed youth, are factors that may not work in their favor. The Congress's factionalism could be advantageous for the BJP in the upcoming elections.

Moreover, the BJP is closely watching the dynamics between Vasundhara Raje, the former Chief Minister of

Rajasthan and the national president of the party, and the central leadership. It is speculated that efforts are being made to find an amicable solution to the issues between Vasundhara Raje and the party leadership to ensure that her grievances do not negatively impact the party's chances in the state assembly elections. In Rajasthan, it is a widely held belief that the BJP cannot win without Vasundhara Raje leading the campaign.

In the days to come, it will be interesting to see how the BJP devises its strategy to handle the challenges posed by its own leaders and the Congress party in Rajasthan.

Additionally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Rajasthan twice in the first week of October to hold election rallies and inaugurate various development

projects. These visits are seen as crucial for BJP's election campaign in the state.

During his visits, Prime Minister Modi is expected to make significant announcements, such as the launch of new trains and railway line doubling projects. He will also inaugurate the renovated terminal building of the Jodhpur Airport. These announcements and inaugurations are aimed at boosting infrastructure and connectivity in the state, which could play a role in the upcoming elections.

In summary, the political landscape in Rajasthan is heating up as the state prepares for assembly elections. The BJP's candidate selection, Vasundhara Raje's role, and Prime Minister Modi's visits are all factors to watch as the election season unfolds.

- GN Bhatt

Bollywood Actress Parineeti Chopra and Politician Raghav Chadha Tie the Knot in Udaipur



Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra and politician Raghav Chadha entered into wedlock in the picturesque city of Udaipur, known as the "Venice of the East," on Sunday. The wedding ceremony took place at the historic Leela Palace during the golden hour of sunset, with a touch of royal splendor.

While the event was kept relatively private, limited to close family and friends, the media provided coverage from a distance. Several videos circulated on social media and news outlets, capturing moments like the grand procession of the groom's party on boats departing from Leela Palace and the welcoming of guests at Leela Palace with echoing chants of marriage vows from the wedding venue.

The wedding was a regal affair, with notable guests in attendance. Among them were Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh, Youth Congress leader Aditya Thackeray, fashion designer Manish Malhotra, tennis star Sania Mirza, and cricketer Harbhajan Singh with his wife, Geeta Basra. Geeta Basra shared a video of herself and Harbhajan Singh arriving by boat for the wedding.

Raghav Chadha, part of the groom's party, arrived at Leela Palace riding a beautifully adorned boat with white flowers. The wedding rituals took place in a mandap (a decorated pavilion) adorned with white cream flowers under the auspicious time of sunset. Interestingly, Parineeti Chopra's cousin and actor Priyanka Chopra, along with her husband Nick Jonas and their daughter, couldn't attend the wedding in India due to professional commitments. However, Priyanka's mother, Dr. Madhu Chopra, was present at the event. Priyanka extended her best wishes to Parineeti on Instagram, explaining her absence due to work commitments.

While there were reports of other high-profile attendees, they also managed to stay under the radar. The couple is expected to celebrate with guests at the reception scheduled to be held at Leela Palace tonight. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel were also slated to attend but had to cancel their plans due to unavoidable circumstances.

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

4th YP Singhanian Memorial Lecture at SPSU



Udaipur: Fostering innovating thinking and promoting technological advancements, Sir Padampat Singhanian University, under the visionary leadership of Honourable Vice Chancellor and President Prof. (Dr.) Padmakali Banerjee organized the fourth YP Singhanian Memorial lecture- in the fond memory of the founder Chancellor Late Shri Yadupati Singhanian on September 23, 2023.

The eminent speaker of the day was Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, Professor, Department of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay, founder of Energy Swaraj Foundation, Brand Ambassador of Solar Energy of Govt. of MP, India. He spoke about climate change, corrective actions and the vitality of embracing solar energy in the future, as it is the only unending source of energy available for humans on earth. He also pointed out the adverse effects of increased consumption of fossil fuels and created awareness regarding the growing issues of climate change. He said, "Nobody has to be told to keep away from the cobra as it is poisonous."

Similarly, instead of preaching on climate change, if we create awareness among people on the issue and tell them about mindful use of available renewable sources of energy; the road to climate correction can begin more effectively." Prof. Solanki further spoke about the 2 Laws, Limit your consumption and Localize your Production. The founder of Energy Swaraj Foundation, has embarked on a bus 'yatra' to create awareness about solar energy and its mindful consumption across the country.

The bus on which Solanki travels has a bedroom, office space, plants, kitchen with induction cooker and a refrigerator — all powered by solar panels installed on the roof of the vehicle. Col. (Dr.) Sanjiv Tomar, Pro President and Dr. Bhavana Adhikari Dean Academics welcomed and felicitated the esteemed speaker. Highlighting the legacy of JK Cement and significance of the day Col.(Dr) Sanjiv Tomar brought to light the achievements, progression and futuristic approach of the University. Through his personal experiences from the armed forces he brought to light the effect of climate change in the Siachen glacier and the urgent need to become energy literate.

The presentation was not only informative but also deeply motivating. How he articulated the complex challenges posed by climate change and the potential solutions was enlightening and thought-provoking. His commitment to raising awareness and inspiring action in the face of this global crisis left a lasting impression on all. Senior officials of the university, Naveen Kumar, Registrar, Dr. Darpan Anand, HoD, CSE and Associate Dean, Proctor Dr. Deepak Vyas, Mr. Virendra Gupta, Director Admissions and Marketing, Dr. Tulika Chakraborty along with the faculty members and students participated actively in the enriching session.

Rishi Kapoor Assumes Office as Chief Operating Officer at GMCH

Udaipur: Rishi Kapoor has taken up the role of Chief Operating Officer at Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital. On this occasion, he was welcomed and congratulated by Mr. Ankit Agrawal, Executive Director of the Geetanjali Group, as well as Dr. Harpreet Singh, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajiv Pandya, C.H.R.O., and staff from various departments.

Rishi Kapoor has a wealth of experience in the field of healthcare, having served in several renowned hospitals across the country, including Escorts Heart Institute, Fortis, Shelby, and Apollo, in states such as Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, and Rajasthan. With 28 years of experience, he aims to continue providing better healthcare services to patients at Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur.

Expressing his enthusiasm, Rishi Kapoor mentioned that he is excited about his new role and has confidence in the team's capabilities. He emphasized his commitment to working with the team to provide improved healthcare services to the patients coming to Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital and to elevate it to the status of the state's premier hospital, gaining recognition at the national level. Executive Director Mr. Ankit Agrawal expressed his satisfaction with Rishi Kapoor's extensive experience and contributions in other hospitals, underscoring his commendable work in the healthcare sector.



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