

Era of deceptive politics over: Slathia

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VIJAYPUR: In a significant political development, National Conference got a huge setback today with YNC District President Samba Riyaz Malik, along with his team, joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and reposing their immense faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying his vision of Naya Jammu and Kashmir is inspiration for all, especially the youth.

The new entrants, who joined in the presence of Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia at a function held here this morning, included office bearers of various blocks of the Youth National Conference Samba District.

Welcoming Malik and his supporters, Slathia said the era of deceptive politics is over and the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are realizing that they cannot be exploited on misleading slogans and false promises anymore. They see a hope in the Prime Minister who has been working tirelessly for holistic develop-



Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia along with new entrants.

ment and progress of this part of the country, which has undergone difficult times that retarded the growth of the youth in particular; he added.

Slathia said the youth of Jammu and Kashmir too want to join the growth story of the country and benefit from various path breaking initiatives taken over the recent years for their empowerment and economic emancipation. The opportunities have increased manifold with investments trickling in for industrial growth that is bound to lead to job generation and career

advancement avenues for professionals and sustenance to skilled and unskilled workforce, he said.

The Pradesh Vice President congratulated Malik and his entire team on joining the BJP and hoped this will further strengthen the party, enabling it to realize the vision of Prime Minister in the making of Naya Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with his cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

Prominent among those who joined the BJP included YNC Block Presidents Vijaypur, Ramgarh,

Purmandal and Bari Brahmana Anil Kumar, Latif Choudhary, Yasin Malik, Ashwani Kumar, Rafik Malik Krishan Singh. Vice President District sambha, Rohit Singh, Block Vice President Vijaypur, Ashfaq Malik, Block General Secretary Vijaypur, Rakesh Kumar, Block Vijaypur, Organizer, Secretary Nitam Sharma, Joint Secretary Vijapur Gorav Sharma, Organizer Vijaypur Ashwani Thappa, Vice President Bari Brahmana, Shakeel Malik, Rafik Malik, Tahir Malik, Anil Dabgotra, Shamsher Salaria and others.

Those who welcomed the new entrants into BJP included Vice President BJP Samba Vijay Singh, Mohan Lal Sharma Raman Slathia, Incharge BJP Panchayati Raj Cell Samba, Harvinder Singh District General Secretary Minority Morcha, Udhham Singh Bhogal, Vice President BJP Block Vijaypur, Sarpanch Jatinder Singh, Baldev Raj, Rampal Sharma and others.

11 Procurement Centres/ Mandis operationalised for procurement of Paddy in Kathua

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KATHUA: 11 procurement centres / Mandies were formally operationalized by inauguration by K.K Sharma ,Director (Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare) Jammu on Sunday. Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta was also present on the occasion.

Director Agriculture K.K Sharma said on the occasion that 11 procurement centres are now operational in Kathua district for facilitation of farmers in the District and Department of Agriculture, Kathua, taking into consideration of the problems faced by farmers, has put all its efforts to operationalize 11 mandies to accommodate and procure the paddy from farmers.

Speaking on the occasion ,



Director Agriculture K.K Sharma inaugurating a centre.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta said , 2.51 lakh quintal of paddy was procured in the previous Kharif Season of 2021 . This year , in the ongoing kharif 2022 season, department has fixed a record estimate target of 3.00 lakh quintals of paddy procurement .This is possible due to rise in area under paddy cultivation from 28339.00 ha in Kharif 2021 to 28862.00 ha in Kharif 2022 with an average productivity of 37.2 Quintals/ha. Farmers of the District are suggested to bring their produce to the nearest procurement centre and avoid middlemen. The Govt of India has listed MSP of

refined Paddy at Rs. 2060.00/ quintal and Rs. 2040 / Quintal for non-refined paddy.

The eleven mandies/ procurement centres are operational at Nagri, Bhajwal, Keerian, Palli, Jakhbar, Mukundpur, Kunder Chak, Marheen, Chann Arorian, Dhanni Bakhta, Dungara.

Other present on the occasion were District Agriculture Officer(Ext) Kathua Raju Mahajan, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Mehta , Agriculture Extension Officers of the Agricultural Sub Divisions Kathua & Hiranagar along with other officers, officials and field functionaries.

GPC to celebrate Parkash Purab of Guru Ram Dass on Oct 11

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UDHAMPUR: Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (GPC) of Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar, Udhampur in a meeting held under its President Amritpal Singh on Sunday decided to centrally celebrate the Parkash Purab of Guru Ram Dass Ji in Gurdwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji at Udhampur.

According to President Amritpal Singh the three day long Sri Akhand Path Sahib which has been commenced today, will conclude on October 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM where after Bhai Inderjeet Singh Darvesh from Delhi

and Bhai Gurdev Singh from Srinagar will present Katha and melodious Kirtan up to 1:15 PM. New Nissan Sahib was also hoisted today before the commencement of Sri Akhand Path Sahib.

President Amritpal Singh appealed to the Sangat of Udhampur town to participate in the programme and take blessings of Guru Ram Dass Ji. Guru Ka Langar will be distributed after Ardas (Prayer). Prominent among those present in the meeting include Gurdev Singh, Gurmeet Singh Josh, Maninder Singh Bawa and Surjeet Singh.

Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad interacts with ESMs

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UDHAMPUR: A team of Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad reached remote areas of Udhampur district led by Brigadier Balbir Singh Sambyal SM interacted with Ex-servicemen of village Majlata. The team was comprising of Brigadier Balbir SM, Col Sukhvir Mankotia, Col Magotra and Capt Risal Singh was welcomed at village Majlata by Major Umakant and Captain Gopal Singh. Around 65 Ex-servicemen from all services were present . During interaction with Brigadier Balbir Singh, all the Ex-servicemen requested him to apprise the government to make some amendments in the Agniveer scheme to suit the remote area youths . Brigadier Balbir Singh



Team of Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad along with ESMs at Udhampur.

assured them that their concern would be conveyed to the authorities at the appropriate level. He further said that today Ex-servicemen have a big responsibility in nation building and we will certainly come upto the expectations of our countrymen. Col V Magotra apprised everyone about the good work being

done by ABPSSP in nation building.

Election of Tehsil Presidents and Secretary were held under the supervision of Udhampur District President Major Umakant in the presence of central Team in which Captain Nandlal and Captain Shakti Singh were unanimously elected as the President and

Secretary of Majlata Tehsil.

In the end Col Sukhvir Mankotia educated everyone about the National Flag Code 2002 and requested everyone to educate all to maintain the dignity and respect of our Tricolor. He further added that Dogras has always believed in Nation First and will continue doing that.

People celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi with religious fervour

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BHADARWAH: Eid-Milad-un-Nabi was celebrated with religious fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm in Bhadarwah after 3 years of pandemic restrictions.

On the auspicious occasion of Milad-un-Nabi (Birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed SAW) several programmes including recitation of Quraan, Dars-e-Quraan, Dars-e-Hadees and Naat Khawani were held at Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah.

To celebrate this auspicious day, people gathered at Jamia Masjid to participate in the congregation and procession after 3 years of Covid restrictions.

The main function was held under the Chairmanship of President Anjuman-e-Islamia Bhadarwah Pervaiz Ahmed Sheikh at Historical Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah, where dozens of devotees took part in religious procession which was taken out from Jamia Masjid and after passing through Masjid Mohallah,



People visiting mosque in Bhadarwah.

Pasri Bus Stand, Qilla Mohallah, Thada Mohalla, Dharampura and culminated back at Jamia Masjid, where Jhande Ki Salaami was held. ADC Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary, SP Bhadarwah Aftab Mir and Tehsildar Bhadarwah Showket Hayat Mattoo also participated in the programme in Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah and greeted people on this auspicious occasion.

While speaking on the occasion speakers urged upon the people to follow the guidelines of Prophet Mohammad SAW for the betterment of society and

to maintain brotherhood in the world.

President Anjuman-e-Islamia Bhadarwah, Pervaiz Ahmed Sheikh said that Prophet (SAW) came in the world not for selected tribes but for the whole humanity and Prophet (SAW) was the epitome of peace, justice and kindness. There is a need to follow the sayings of Quraan for peace and prosperity.

He said that after two years of pandemic restrictions a huge gathering of people participated in the procession and other programmes.

Special prayers were

offered for whole humanity across globe.

People also celebrated this auspicious day by distributing sweets, Pudding and other items. Tight security arrangements were put in place across Bhadarwah. SDPO Bhadarwah Meer Gafoor and SHO Bhadarwah Jatinder Singh Rakwal along with team accompanied the procession.

Similarly people in Doda, Gandoh, Thathri, Kishtwar, Marwah, Pader, Ramban, Banihal, Gool, Batote and other parts of Chenab Valley also celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi with religious fervour and participated in processions.

White Knight Corps Golden Jubilee Cycling Expedition reaches Samote

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RAJOURI: On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of White Knight Corps, Officers and soldiers of the Corps took up a daunting challenge of a cycling expedition. The expedition, consisting of two Officers, one JCO and 12 soldiers, of 16 Corps Signal Regiment, led by Colonel Ankit Singhal, the Commanding Officer of the unit reached the at Samote after covering a list of 47 Km from Palma. Upon reaching Samote, the expedition team felicitated Veer Nari Smt Sardara Begum and Veer Nari Smt Tasbeer Begum and gave their reverence to brave hearts of the nation who made supreme sacrifice to uphold its sovereignty and integrity.

KVK Reasi promotes scientific cultivation of oilseed crops

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of the Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on scientific cultivation of oilseed crops so as to increase the farm income of farmers by increasing the oilseed crops production in the district. According to Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi said that sesame is the leading oilseed crops in the district and KVK is stressing on the scientific farming of sesame crop. He said that KVK is urging the farmers

to adopt the latest technologies of sesame crop recommended by the KVK. He said that KVK is emphasizing on the use of quality seed of sesame crop.

He narrated that KVK, Reasi is educating the farmers on scientific cultivation of oilseed crops such as sesame and G.Sarson by which they can enhance their oilseed crops production. He expressed that there is need of timely weeding/hoeing in oilseed crops for the good yield. He further said that there is need of soil testing, proper Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Disease Management

(IDM) in oilseed crops to get the maximum yield. He said that KVK is guiding farmers on the timely management of major insect-pests infesting the oilseed crops. He added that there is need of value addition in oilseed crops for more returns by the farmers. KVK, Reasi has laid Front Line Demonstrations of improved variety (RT-351) of sesame in different locations of the district to showcase the advance technologies and by observing the successful results, many farmers are showing keen interest towards the technologies demonstrated by the KVK. KVK is encouraging the farmers to increase their area under oilseed crops.

Adipurush hurts sentiments of followers of Sanatan Dharma: Mahant Bharat Priye

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JAMMU: Mahant Bharat Priye has said that the film Adipurush has hurt the sentiments of crores of people who believe in Sanatan Dharma. The government should ban this film as soon as possible.

Priye said that after

watching the teaser of this film he realized that it is not compatible with our culture. The deities have been shown in the wrong way in the film. There is a strange depiction of Lord Shri Ram. Lord Hanuman is shown wearing leather robes and his face is shown as black while his complexion is assumed to be ocher. The depiction of Sita Mata is also not correct.

"A complete injustice has been done to the character of the great scholar Ravana in the film. Seeing the depictions of all these artists, it seems that there is no basis of Sanatan culture in them. Ramayana is our history and 'Adipurush' depicts Lord Hanuman as a Mughal." While Ravana is also

shown wearing antimony in his eyes" Bharat Priya said adding that ever since the teaser of this film was released, there has been a constant controversy over it.

In this, Sanatan culture has been shown in a very wrong way. Bharat Priya said that many films have been made in Bollywood even before this, which hurt the faith of Sanatan Dharma. These types of films will not be tolerated. There is a demand from the followers of Sanatan Dharma to boycott this film and there is a demand from the government that this film should be banned. He said that I also request other organizations associated with Sanatan Dharma to raise their voice against this film.

Tourism Deptt, Kishtwar Admn organise Maiden Warwan Festival

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KISHTWAR: With an aim to promote tourism and attract tourist footfall to the far flung virgin valleys of District Kishtwar; a grand and first of its kind "Warwan Festival" was organized the other day here at block headquarter Warwan under the aegis of Tourism Department J&K and with the support of Directorate of Tourism Jammu and in collaboration with Kishtwar Development Authority and District Administration Kishtwar.

SDM Marwah, Dr Mohsin Raza was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who inaugurated the programme in presence of Guest of Honour, DDC Councillor Warwan Abdul Razaq Lone and others.

DDC Councillor Marwah Sheikh Zaffarullah; Accounts Officer DC Office, Imran Ahmed Kichloo; Tehsildar Warwan, Gagandeep Singh; BDO Warwan, Manzoor Ahmed Gundna; BDO Dindarwal, Tasleem Javaid Wani; ALC/DIO, DIPR/AD Employment Amit Kumar; Principal GDC Marwah, Principal GHSS Warwan; ZEO Warwan, BMO Dachhan, SHO Warwan Sameer Batt, representatives of NGOs namely CHINAR international and Warwan Valley eco-Tourist Society,



SDM Marwah, Dr Mohsin Raza inaugurating fest.

PRI members, various District Officials, Craftsmen, artists besides a large number of civil society members, students, locals and Nature Enthusiasts were present on the occasion.

In the festival, multifarious Tourism activities like cultural items, Horse riding, Angling, Heritage walk, Trekking and local Cuisine remained the main attraction, wherein a large number of nature enthusiasts and locals participated with zeal and enthusiasm.

At the outset, SDM Marwah, in presence of PRIs, flagged off the trekking expedition starting from Kaveer to Sukhnai, Warwan wherein scores of enthusiastic trekkers took part.

Besides, in the festival, the renowned local and UT level artists and students enthralled the audiences through their scintillating singing and dance performances highlighting the traditional and cultural elements

of UT and particularly Warwan Valley. The performances got all around applause from audiences.

During the festival, SDM Marwah alongwith other District Officers inspected the stalls displayed by various departments, entrepreneurs, local craftsman, NGOs which portrayed local Art & crafts, traditional products, textiles, local food, souvenirs for tourists, naturopathic medicare and many more.

The stalls of local handicrafts, handloom products, and local cuisines mainly Rajma-Chawal, Tromba Tehut (Buckwheat/millet Roti) with Kehwah Chai (Local Tea recipe) were displayed to showcase the taste, tradition and culture of rich values and unique creativity of the area.

The herbal stalls of the Forest department displayed the herbs, medicinal plants and the treasures of these local forests for the tourists and locals.

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