

J&K’s politico-developmental landscape is in transformational mode: Slathia

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BISHNAH: Saying that politico-developmental landscape in Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing huge transformation with the empowerment of the Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) in particular; former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday called upon elected representatives to redouble their efforts in satiating the urges and aspirations of the rural population.

"J&K is at the threshold of a huge change with path breaking initiatives taken by the government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recent years," Slathia said while speaking at a function in Arnia Village of Bishnah this afternoon.

He said PRIs have a challenging role in translating the vision of the Prime Minister in reality on ground to achieve the objective of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka



Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing a gathering.

Vishwas. Notwithstanding the difficulties, the functionaries at the grassroots level democratic institutions have to rededicate themselves for transformation of the rural landscape, he added. Responding to the various issues raised by Sarpanches, Slathia said these will be taken up with all concerned for early and appropriate redressal. He exhorted them to shoulder their responsibilities with sincerity of purpose and sense of commitment, as the people have a lot many expectations from them, he added.

The Pradesh Vice President referred to the fast changing rural land-

scape, as a result of strengthening and empowering the Panchayat Raj Institutions and the Local Self Government, after the political developments of August 2019 which paved the way for implementing all the schemes in J & K, he said the Union Territory is witnessing discernible transformation in all the economic and developmental sectors with special thrust on encouraging investments. This is a key point for a place where industrial development has not been substantial which has largely impacted the growth and job generation. He said the investment proposals of Rs 36,000 crore for the sectors

ranging from tourism, health, automobile, steel, fabrication, warehousing etc have potential to create job opportunities for over two lakh professionals, educated and unskilled workforce in a period of time, both in rural and urban areas. Slathia exuded confidence that the J&K people will become part of the country's growth story by extending their support to the landmark initiatives being taken by the government for heralding a new era of development. Peace, he said, is imperative for achieving these objectives. He also urged the people to maintain peace and tranquility, saying that peace is imperative for development and progress.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included DDC Surekha Devi, BDC Kuldeep Raj, Jogeshwar Singh Jamwal, Darshan Singh Sarpanch, Jatinder Singh, Kamalpreet Singh, Subhash Saini, Balbir Kour and others.

Public representation pivotal for holistic development, for strengthening of democracy: Shantanu Thakur

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SAMBA: Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur on Sunday said that the public representation is pivotal for the holistic development and for the strengthening of democracy. The Union Minister said this during the last day of his visit to district Samba as part of Central Government's Public Outreach Programme in J&K.

The Minister said that the devolution of powers and decision making processes at grassroots level has strengthened the Urban Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions in J&K.

On the development across various sectors in district Samba, the Minister said that the border district has seen a new dawn of development with the construction of AIIMS, recruitment of youth in border battalions, construction of highways, projects under Jal Jeevan Mission etc.

The Minister lauded the



Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur meeting a delegation at Samba.

district administration for effective implementation of different centrally sponsored schemes with 100% saturation across many social security schemes, 100% Aadhar seeding of beneficiaries, besides securing top ranking in District Good Governance Index in Jammu Division.

During the programme, the Minister said that the administration in coordination with Government of India are building better infrastructure to improve people's lives besides creating multiple opportunities of self employment & entrepreneurship,

which has widely increased with implementation of many policies of Central Government.

The Minister also assured the visiting delegations that the demands raised by them will be taken up with the government and issues raised will be resolved on priority.

Various deputations including those of District Development Council Members, Block Development Council Members, Lady Sarpanchs, Industrial Associations, Youths and Farmer's Associations which presented

various demands before the Union Minister. The Minister assured that the demands raised by them will be given due consideration and will be taken up with the concerned authorities on priority.

During the programme, District Development Council Chairman, Keshav Dutt Sharma, Vice Chairman, DDC Balwan Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Miss Anuradha, Transport Commissioner, Rahul Sharma, SSP Abhishek Mahajan besides other senior officers were also present.

Chairperson DDC Udhampur lays foundation stone of double span motorable bridge at Neeli Nallah



DDC Chairperson Udhampur, Lal Chand laying foundation stone of bridge.

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UDHAMPUR: District Development Council Chairperson, Udhampur, Lal Chand, on Sunday laid foundation stone of Double Span motorable Bridge at Neeli Nallah in presence of Chairperson Block Development Council, Balwan Singh, Ex-MLA, Pawan Kumar Gupta, District Development Councillor Udhampur-I Puran Chand and District

Development Councilor Tikri Ashu Sharma.

The 30 metre Double Span Motorable Bridge will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.80 Crores under Safety Audit of Bridges by the PWD Department.

After laying of foundation stone, the Chairperson informed the public that road connectivity is the pre requisite for the overall development and it is the first priority of the government. He

added that the said Bridge will provide better commutation facilities to the surrounding 20 Panchayats.

It is Pertinent to mention here that the existing bridge has been declared unsafe by the PWD Department.

BDC Chairperson, DDC Councilors and EX-MLA Udhampur also addressed the gathering of people and congratulated the public of Jib Thathi area for unprecedented development. People of the area thanked to DDC Chairperson for his continuous efforts for the development of the area.

Among others, Officers of PWD department, PRI Members of Panchayat Halqa Jib, Kambal Danga, Sundarni, Seen Brahmana, Seen Thakran, Chak Rakwala, Tikri, Barolla, Neeli Nallah and concerned contractor etc were also present on the occasion.

Dental awareness cum treatment camp organised



Dignitaries inaugurating camp at Poonch.

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POONCH: A dental awareness cum treatment camp was organised by Health Department in association with Poonch Dentist Club in Nangali Sab. The camp was attended by prominent dentists of Poonch under the guidance of Director General Health and Family welfare Dr Salim ul Rehman and supervision of CMO Poonch Dr Shamim Bhatti. Various procedures like

Extraction and Fillings were done in the camp. Digital X-rays were also done free of cost. Dental kits and medicine were also provided to the patients. Speaking on the occasion CMO Poonch highlighted the need of proper dental awareness among the masses and assured that such camps will be held in future also to provide awareness and treatment to the patients living in far flung areas.

Comm Secy SWD conducts tour of District Udhampur; takes stock of ongoing SSR

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UDHAMPUR : Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Udhampur district and took stock of ongoing special summary revision (SSR) 2022 in the District.

The Commissioner Secretary, who is also Electoral Roll observer for District Udhampur participated in a special camp at polling Station Government Higher School Tikri.

At the camp, the Commissioner Secretary enquired about the pace of updation of electoral roll from the concerned Booth Level Officers and reviewed the progress of ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Electoral Rolls 2022 there. The Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the concerned to complete the revision of special summary including addition of new voters/left out voters and deletion of



Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda taking stock of ongoing special summary revision at Udhampur.

duplicate voters before the assigned due date.

The Commissioner Secretary directed the officers to activate men and machinery and complete the process of SSR 2022 within a given timeline. She laid emphasis on ensuring seeding of Adhaar numbers with all new eligible voters besides making the revised electoral

rolls free from discrepancies.

Sheetal Nanda further emphasized on the officers and officials associated with the SSR to work with dedication and ensure that the whole exercise is completed within a time bound manner with 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters.

The Commissioner Secretary also felicitated stu-

dents who excelled in different fields at GHSS Tikri.

The Commissioner Secretary also visited polling station at GHSS Garhi and attended special camps being organized as part of Special Summary Revision.

During the tour, the Commissioner Secretary also visited District Hospital Udhampur where she inter-

acted with staff members and patients. She also distributed Baby kits among the beneficiaries.

Later, Commissioner Secretary chaired a meeting of officers and supervisors at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur and reviewed the progress of ongoing special summary revision 2022.

At the outset, District Election Officer, Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna gave a detailed power point presentation about the ongoing special summary revision in the district Udhampur. She informed that the Special Summary Revision is going on in full swing in the district besides SVEEP activities are being organized to aware the masses about their right to franchise.

Among others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, Deputy District Election Officer, Gurdev Kumar, DPO besides All SDMs and Tehsildars were present.

DDC finalises arrangements for B2V4 program in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Sunday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to discuss and finalize the arrangements in connection with the B2V4 program commencing shortly in the district.

Officers present in the meeting were ADDC, Pawan Kumar, ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Vijay Kumar; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; AD FCS&CA, Arief Lone and BDOs.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will hold the fourth phase of Back to Village (B2V) Program shortly.

During the meeting, extensive discussions on measures required to be taken for the smooth and successful conduct of the program in Panchayats of the district and achieving objectives thereof were held during the meeting.

The meeting also discussed contents and activities to be undertaken as part of the program by different departments in the district.

Addressing the meeting, the DDC said that the focus of the program would be to energise panchayats, collect feedback on the delivery of Government schemes/programmes and capture specific economic potential.

He also said that the program will involve the people of the district and Government officials in a joint effort to deliver the

mission of equitable development across all our rural areas, besides mobilizing public opinion on different issues at different levels.

While discussing various arrangements, he asked the concerned officers to work with dedication and in tandem for the smooth and successful conduct of the program across the district.

Meanwhile, the DDC also reviewed the physical and financial progress on the works taken up under B2V1, B2V2 and B2V3.

He asked the BDOs to ensure that the tenders for all the works are allotted within the shortest possible time. The DDC also asked the concerned officers to speed up the progress and mobilize their men and machinery to ensure that all works are completed at the earliest.

appealed to PRIs and people to co-ordinate with VLEs and CSC operators to ensure the enrollment of left out beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry and Horticulture and Agriculture Departments also enlightened the masses about various schemes meant for doubling the income of farmers and orchardists.

AEE, JPDCL Sudhir Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, threw light on the Amnesty scheme of Power Development Corp. Ltd. and asked the people to avail the opportunity.

Later, the DDC Kishtwar inspected Chirhar-Banzwar road where local PRIs and people apprised him about various issues including

water logging issue at Shail Gad, Cherhar. The DDC assured them that their issues will be resolved in a time bound manner. He also visited Government Polytechnic College Kishtwar. En-route, DDC Kishtwar also inspected the GHS Cherhar and took stock of the infrastructure facilities available in the school. He asked the concerned to plug the infrastructure Development gaps by taking the issues with the concerned District Head. Earlier, online relay of "Avam ki Awaz" programme of Lieutenant Governor UT J&K was also facilitated by the Department of Information & Public Relation through a public address system for the people present in the Gram Sabha.

Jan Abhiyan: DDC Kishtwar attends Special Gram Sabha at Panchayat Poochal-B2

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KISHTWAR: With an aim to give shape to the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2023-24, a Special and Mega Gram Sabha was held today here at the Cherhar village of the Panchayat Poochal-B2.

During the Jan Abhiyan

campaign, Gram Panchayat Development Plan 2023-24 was discussed and finalised. District Development Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav presided over the proceedings of the Gram Sabha.

Besides, BDC chairman, Kishtwar Suresh Sharma, DDC member Kishtwar Zakir Hussain Batt, ACP Zakir Hussain Wani, ACD Atul Dutt Sharma and DPO Sunil Bhutyal, besides other District Officers, representatives of CSCs, PRIs and locals were present in gram Sabha.

During the programme, Block Development Officer Kishtwar Sheetal Sharma presented the proposed Gram Panchayat Development Plan 2023-24 before the Officers, PRIs and

locals.

Thereafter, threadbare discussion was held on various proposed works incorporated in the plan to give the same a final shape.

Meanwhile, BDC Chairman Kishtwar, DDC member Kishtwar, Local PRIs also highlighted their grievances and demands before the DDC Kishtwar.

The DDC Kishtwar gave a patient hearing to their grievances/demands and assured for time bound redressal of the same.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC asked the officers of line departments to ensure their presence in Gram Sabhas. He further stressed that the plan shall be formulated and finalised in accordance with the prescribed

guidelines.

He also exhorted upon the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to involve PRIs and Gram Sabha members while formulating the plans so that the effective and foolproof plan is formulated in each panchayat. He said that a three tier system of panchayati Raj Institutions has been rolled out to ensure the equitable development of rural areas. He further added that positive public Participation can play an effective role in the equitable and sustainable development of all areas.

In this regard he informed that Panchayat Divas shall also be conducted in coming days in each panchayat to monitor the implementation of various developmental and

beneficiary oriented schemes at grass root level.

District Development Commissioner appealed to the masses to participate in the ongoing Jan Abhiyan, programme from 15th-26th Oct 2022 which is a pre- Back to village edition 4 initiative and make it a grand success in the district.

While laying special thrust on implementation of Solid Waste Management and Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign in panchayats, he stressed upon the common masses to co-operate with the Gram Sabha to realize the objective to make Panchayats clean and single use Plastic free.

ACP, Zakir Hussain Wani and ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma also threw light on the ongoing

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