

## 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 unemployed, skilled 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 seeding of beneficiaries, besides securing top ranking in District Good Governance Index 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,

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.

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.

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.

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

## DG BRO inspects Benadhi Bridge completed in record time on Dyala Chack - Ramkote road link

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KATHUA: Director General, Border Road Organisation (BRO) Lt. Gen Rajeev Chaudhary on Sunday inspected Benadhi Bridge on Dyala Chack-Ramkote road which has been completed in record 90 days by BRO team.

While appreciating the team members, Lt. Gen Rajeev Chaudhary said the 25 km road from Dyala Chack to Ramkote is an important road link and BRO team has so far completed four bridges in a record time. He said the 30 mts Benadhi Bridge

has been completed in the fastest recorded time in BRO's history of making roads.

The Lt. Gen also gave away Medals to six members of the Executing team including an associate who has been serving with BRO for over two decades.

Referring to the role of BRO in Jammu and



Director General, Border Road Organisation Lt. Gen Rajeev Chaudhary inspecting road.

Kashmir, the Lt. Gen said under project Sampark the BRO is providing all weather road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir which is not just providing strategic advantage to armed forces but also help in exploring tourism potential of isolated areas.

The Lt. Gen said Union MoS Dr Jitendra Singh is very keen to develop the Basohli-Bani-Bhadherwah corridor which will not only give fillip to the

development in areas of Basohli - Bani but also give direct access to Bhaderwah. He said the 7 KM Chattergala Tunnel will be a key component on the corridor which will definitely help in a long way to tap tourist potential of the entire area.

Brigadier Tejpal Singh, Commander 35, R K Garg, OC, 69 BRO Shailendra Kumar and other concerned officers were also 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, Waheed 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.

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

At the outset, District Election Officer, Udhampur, Krittika 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.

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



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 Aadhaar 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 time bound manner with 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters.

The Commissioner Secretary also felicitated stu-

dents who excelled in different fields at GISSI Tikri.

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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, Suresh Sharma, ACD 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.

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 finalized 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 Diwas 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

Jan Abhiyan, programme besides giving a detailed resume of activities to be carried out in the upcoming Back to village edition 4 programme in the district.

During the gram sabha the district officers educated the people about various welfare schemes pertaining to their Departments.

ALC Kishtwar Amit Kumar appealed to the left out un-organized workers of the panchayat to get themselves registered on the e-shram portal. He also threw light on the various Self Employment schemes under the Mission youth scheme rolled out by Lieutenant Governor UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Chander Prakash

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 inspected the GHS Cherrah 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 "Awam 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.

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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 Poochah-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.

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