

Doda Admin launches Vikas/Vishwas Rath to showcase developmental achievements in last 4 years

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DODA: As a prelude to the celebration of the Union Territory (UT) Foundation Day and EKTA Diwas on 31st of October, the Doda Administration today launched the Vikas/Vishwas Rath vehicle, a specially designed mobile exhibition showcasing the developmental achievements made in the district over the past four years, under the Theme 'UT Govt Key 4 Saal Bemisaal'.

The vehicle, fitted with LED screens, will travel across the district, displaying a short film highlighting the unprecedented progress and growth in different sectors in the district. The Rath was flagged off by the Principal Secretary to the Government, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad, along with Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan.

This unique initiative aims



DC Doda, Vishesh Mahajan flagging off Vikas Rath.

to create awareness among the residents about the transformation brought about by the government in the district and to instill a sense of confidence and trust in them.

The LED screens on the vehicle will screen a short film that showcases the development initiatives undertaken in Doda under different sectors such as road infrastructure, healthcare, education, agriculture, tourism, and more. The film will highlight the significant

milestones achieved, including the construction of roads, establishment of healthcare facilities, improvement in educational institutions, implementation of welfare schemes, and promotion of tourism activities.

The Vikas/Vishwas Rath vehicle will visit different parts of the district, including remote and inaccessible areas, to ensure maximum outreach.

It will stop at various locations, allowing the residents to view the film and learn

about the positive changes that have taken place in their community.

The presence of the vehicle will also provide an opportunity for the people to interact with the officials and gain further insights into the ongoing and proposed development projects.

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ernment's dedication to inclusive growth and welfare and urged the residents to actively participate in the development initiatives and in celebration of JK UT Foundation Day and EKTA Diwas on 31st of October.

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RAMBAN: Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan on Thursday inaugurated a one day Ayushman Health Mela at CHC Gool organized by the Health Department under Ayushman Bhava Campaign.

Chairperson BDC, Shakeela Begum, BMO, Gool Dr. Ashfaq Hussain, Dr. Shabir, Dr. Narinder, Dr. Mohd Sayeed, other senior doctors, PRIs and senior officers attended the Health Mela.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson said that the 'Ayushman Bhav' initiative is envisaged by the Government to saturate all health care services in every village and town in line with the commitment to ensure reach to the last mile and enable access to health care services to everyone in the society. The Ayushman



DDC Chairperson Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan inaugurating health Mela.

Bhava campaign will also ensure saturation coverage of health schemes and an initiative to ensure optimum benefit to people from the Ayushman Bhava Campaign.

The BMO informed that the 'Ayushman Bhav' initiative involves a set of interventions that include 'Ayushman - Apke Dwar 3.0', 'Ayushman Sabhas',

'Ayushman Melas- at Health and Wellness level and Medical Camps by Medical Colleges at CHCs', and eventually ensuring Gram Panchayat, Nagar Panchayat and Urban Ward to attain the status of 'Ayushman Panchayat' or 'Ayushman Urban Ward' in a saturation mode.

He informed that nearly four hundred patients have been examined and provided treatment to them by the team of Specialized Doctors coming from the District Hospital Ramban.

JK Private Schools Association celebrates Accession Day



JKPSA members paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh.

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UDHAMPUR: District President of Private Schools of district Udhampur R.P. Sharma organizes a program to celebrate the Accession Day of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in a grand manner at Gole Market (near Fountain Chowk) Udhampur. On this occasion students of different schools along with prominent mem-

bers of civil society participated.

Prominent educationist & President of JKPSA Jammu Ajay Gupta was the chief guest, who narrated the untold history which was hidden and distorted by nefarious elements of the erstwhile state and government of India before the abrogation of Article 370.

He appealed to the JKUT

government to generate a mechanism to celebrate this holy occasion in all schools like 15th August and 26th January to embrace the students with the sanctity of accession of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh with the Union of India. Above all Arun Gupta a stationer disbursed note books and pen to all students voluntarily to encourage the students to participate in such type of patriotic events. The members who participated in this festival included Vineet Gupta Siddheshwar Sadotra, Thomas Ommen, Sandeep Khajuria , Arun Kumar Gupta, Roshan Gupta, Sanjay Raina, Fyaz Chandel, Suresh Manhas, Bhwani Sharma, Simran Jamwal, Mohan, Anita Thakur etc.

BJP Akhnoor celebrated Accession Day with fervour & enthusiasm



BJP leaders paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh.

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AKHNOOR: The Bhartiya Janta Party ,District Akhnoor celebrated the Accession Day with fervour and enthusiasm in District Akhnoor on Thursday.

Akhnoor BJP led by Rajeev Sharma (District President & Former MLA Akhnoor) along and other senior leaders & others BJP activists celebrated Accession Day (Vilay Diwas) in a programme organized in BJP District office Akhnoor.

Glorious tributes paid to the great Maharaja by senior BJP activists present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Rajeev Sharma said that the whole J&K is celebrating this day as it has come after supreme sacrifices by nationalists. "Vijay Diwas is like Republic and Independence day for us as this was the day when our maharaja made J&K an integral part of India, he

said.

He added that the Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja was full and final in which he united the whole of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of India.

Manmohan Singh (Seh Prabhari BJP Akhnoor), Sanjay Saraf (Chairman M.C Akhnoor), Ashok Mishra (Senior BJP Activists), Dev Raj Bhagat (District President S.C Moreha), Sham Lal Sharma , Rajni Sharma (District President Mahila Moreha), Raj Kumar (Secretary), K.D Sharma (office Secretary),Sonia Verma (publicity incharge), Rameshwar Pandit (It Incharge),Corporators Kuldeep Raj, Surennder Sharma, Khema Devi, Karan Singh with others remained present on the occasion.

Gita-Bhagwat Satsang performed



Devotees attending a Satsang at Bishnah.

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BISHNAH: In this series of satsang, Gita-Bhagwat Satsang was performed at Sant Shri Asharamji Ashram, Bhatiyari, Bishnah on Thursday in which Bapuji's devotee Shri Rama Bhai delivered the Satsang.

He said that by adopt-

ing the advice of Sadguru, we can not only achieve worldly success but can also achieve the destination of our true form.

The entire Satsang program was organised by Yuva Sewa Sang and Shri Yog Vedant Sewa Samiti, Bishnah.

BJYM organises 'Vilay Daud' on Accession Day

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Moreha (BJYM) J&K organized a massive Vilay Daud Marathon in which hundreds of youngsters participated, to commemorate Accession Day in a spirited display of unity and celebration. The event gathered participants and spectators from all walks of life, was of great success, highlighting the deep-rooted nationalism and enthusiasm of the Jammuites.



BJP J&K president Ravinder Rana leading Vijay Daud.

Vilay Daud, a tribute to the nationalist forces and martyrs of 1947 of Jammu Kashmir, was ceremoniously flagged off by distinguished guests, including UT President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Ravinder Raina; Former Deputy CM of Jammu Kashmir, Kavinder Gupta; Senior Leader BJP, Aseem Gupta.

Hundreds of young passionate runners from all age groups and backgrounds participated in the marathon. The Vilay Daud Marathon

will be hoisted in these areas as well. Gupta also remarked on the historical context, noting that the Congress failed to support Maharaja Hari Singh and the state of Jammu & Kashmir during its time of need.

In his address, Sharma emphasized India's commitment to respecting its minorities, highlighting that individuals from minority communities have held esteemed positions, including Prime Minister and President, further showcasing India's dedication to

inclusivity and diversity.

Arun Prabbhat, the UT President BJYM, took the opportunity to remember the vital role played by Maharaja Hari Singh, dogra forces and the series of events that led to the unification of Jammu Kashmir with the Dominion of India.

He also expressed concerns about the negative role played by former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru and Sheikh Abdullah in the region's history and their vicious role in the exile of the Maharaja Hari Singh from the state.

He further said that as the people of Jammu & Kashmir unite to celebrate Vilay Diwas, it serves as a day of remembrance, honoring the sacrifices and historical significance that have shaped the geography and history of the region. This day reaffirms the strong bond between the people of Jammu & Kashmir and the rest of India, as they stand together to commemorate their shared history.

JKESL demands elevation of Brigadier Rajinder Singh's MVC honours to PVC

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Ex-Service League (JKESL) on Thursday pushed for the elevation of Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) bestowed on Brigadier Rajinder Singh to a Param Vir Chakra (PVC) and designating his annual commemoration as an "official" event. The JKESL also strongly urged for the establishment of a memorial honouring the former Dogra maharajas and valiant warriors in Jammu, advocating for their inclusion in the region's history textbooks.

"We have submitted a resolution to the administration, urging the official recognition of this event. We have discussed this with the Divisional Commissioner, who assured us that the resolution will be acted upon," JKESL President Lieutenant General R K Sharma said addressing the function here.

Leopard killed cow, people protest against Wildlife Department

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SUNDERBANI: Leopard menace is at its peak in Sunderbani for the last six months. The Forest Department has been informed many times by the villagers in some context that the terror of leopard in the village Ra Di Keri Bhajwal is taking a heavy toll on the villagers because every day, in leopard attacks some villager's pet, dog or any other pet are targeted.

Despite that Forest Department has not taken any steps regarding catching the leopard from the village.

As last night the leopard killed two more cows, irked villagers, under the leadership of retired Indian Army captain Swaran Singh Chimb, stagd protest against Wildlife Department and raised slogans, alleging that more than a dozen pets in the area have

become prey to leopards in the last one month. Satpal told that late on Wednesday he had tied the cow outside his courtyard and the whole family was sleeping. Late at night the leopard came and attacked the cow and made it its prey. Satpal told that when he woke up in the morning, he went towards the cow to feed and he saw cow lying dead.

People raised the demand from DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal and higher officials of the concerned department to take appropriate action soon to catch the dreaded leopard. Local villagers said that if the leopard is not rescued from the village by the district administration and the forest department soon, the villagers will be forced to take to the streets and protest against the forest department and the district administration.

Awareness camp for women of Panjgrain, Dansal organised

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JAMMU: Mission Shakti District Hub for Empowerment of Women Jammu on Thursday organised awareness programme on women centric schemes at Village - Panjgrain of block Dansal. The event was held in the presence of Sarpanch, Thoru Ram and Committee Members. The objective of the camp was to sensitize the females of the area about various women centric schemes and services of the govt for their empowerment.

Under the Supervision of District Mission Coordinator Mission Shakti DHEW Jammu, Shagun Manchanda, Khushboo Kapte, Gender Specialist and Sunil Kumar Specialist in Financial Literacy of DHEW Jammu under Mission Shakti noted the Grievances of women and assured them to provide assistance with the help of the concerned Department. The participants were acquainted about various welfare schemes of Govt. of India particularly for women & advised on the need of gender sensitivity to promote equality among genders. They imparted detailed information to the participants regarding the flagship women centric schemes like scholarship schemes, SMAS (State Marriage Assistance Scheme ,Pension schemes for old age, widow and physically disabled persons.

Kavinder rubbishes Mehbooba's remark comparing Palestine with Kashmir

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday rejected the 'absurd' remark by PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti comparing Palestine with Kashmir claiming that whatever J&K has witnessed was due to the sins of PDP and NC.

In a statement to media



persons, the BJP stalwart said that instead of making unfounded comparisons, Mehbooba should do some soul searching and introspect how her party and the National Conference's wrong policies alienated the people leading to turmoil and tumult in the society in Kashmir.

He said that the Valley based political parties gave birth to terrorism in Kashmir by misleading the people on a big scale. He

categorically accused NC for the mess up in 1987 by way of rigging the polls. He said that if that thing didn't happen Kashmir today would have been a different entity.

He said that Kashmir based political parties have played a spoilsport in case of handling Kashmir in the past and now when the government led by PM Narendra Modi is taking appropriate steps to bring back the Valley on track, the leaders like Mehbooba are creating bottlenecks by misleading the people through baseless comparisons linking Kashmir situation with that of Palestine.

Kavinder said that the people in Jammu and Kashmir should remain cautious of such distrustful voices as believing in these could again lead Kashmir to another dead end, which should not be the case.

Goyal holds public darbar at RS Pura

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JAMMU: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Home, RK Goyal, presided over a public darbar at Bana Singh Stadium in RS Pura today to take stock of issues and concerns of common masses.

Among the prominent PRI representatives present were Jammu District Development Council Chairman, Bharat Bhushan, President Municipal Committee, RS Pura, Satpal Pappi, Block Development Council Chairman Suchetgarh, Tarsem Singh besides DDC members Taranjit Singh Tony and Vidya Mottan. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaisiya, SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar and ADC Harvinder Singh, besides district officers and public was also present on the occasion. Addressing on the occasion, R K Goyal underscored the significance of public darbars emphasising their role in fostering direct communication between the administration and the citizenry. He noted that these gatherings provide a



ACS Home, RK Goyal addressing public darbar at Bana Singh Stadium in RS Pura.

platform for citizens to voice their grievances and for the government to expedite their resolution through the appropriate channels. Acknowledging the gravity of drug menace plaguing the society, ACS Home assured the people that the administration was committed to combat this social ill vigorously. He spoke of the substantial progress made in the fight against drugs and stressed the need for intensified rehabilitation efforts. He also

highlighted the crucial role of families and society in this battle. DDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan, expressing his gratitude for the public outreach efforts of the administration, projected several issues concerning welfare and development of the district. He mentioned the loss of paddy crops due to unpredictable weather conditions and urged for adequate compensation.

Bhushan also advocated desilting of Rambir Canal and

expansion of development potential of different areas for tourism including religious tourism. He also raised ration card-related issues. Other PRI representatives also spoke on the occasion while the public presented memoranda and individual grievances for consideration.

All concerns were meticulously recorded by the ACS and district administration for immediate redressal while some of them were redressed on spot.

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