

Aatmanirbhar Bharat is BJP's Vision for empowering every Indian: Neelam Langeh

Reviews preparations for Union Minister Dr. Jitendra's visit to Ramban

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RAMBAN: Reaffirming the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) commitment to self-reliant India, BJP District President and former MLA, Neelam Langeh today said that Aatmanirbhar Bharat is not just a policy but a nationwide movement to empower every citizen socially, economically, and politically.

Neelam Langeh was addressing BJP workers and local entrepreneurs during a meeting at Ramban.

"Aatmanirbhar Bharat is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to build a strong, self-reliant India that creates local opportunities, promotes local industries, and transforms youth into job creators," said Neelam Langeh. He urged the youth to take full advantage of government schemes like Startup India, PMEGP, Mudra Yojana, and Skill



BJP District President Neelam Langeh chairing meeting.

India.

During his address, Neelam Langeh interacted with several local youth who shared their success stories under schemes like Ujjwala Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, and Stand-Up India. He praised their determination and called them the "real ambassadors" of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission.

"From villages to cities, people are becoming self-

reliant through government schemes. Our responsibility as BJP workers is to spread awareness and ensure the last person in the queue benefits from these initiatives," he added.

"This interaction will energize the organization and help us connect more deeply with the people on the ground, especially on key initiatives like Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Langeh stated.

Neelam Langeh also final-

ized preparations for the scheduled visit of Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh to Ramban tomorrow.

The meeting, held at the BJP District Office, witnessed the participation of Mandal presidents, Moreha heads, and senior karyakartas.

Detailed discussions were held regarding the reception, public meeting arrangements, security coordination, and interaction programs with beneficiaries of central government schemes.

Langeh said, "The visit of Dr. Jitendra Singh Ji is a matter of pride for Ramban. His presence will boost the morale of our workers and strengthen the party's grassroots connect. We must ensure that all arrangements reflect our unity, discipline, and commitment."*

Langeh emphasized that the visit is not only political in nature but also develop-

ment-oriented. Dr. Singh is expected to interact with local citizens, review ongoing central schemes, and highlight the achievements of the Modi government, especially in remote areas like Ramban.

He directed all party units to mobilize people from every block and panchayat to ensure maximum participation in the public program. Special teams were formed to oversee logistics, stage arrangements, and media coverage.

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Symposium cum awareness program on POSH Act held at GDC Akhnoor



Students and faculty members during the programme.

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AKHNOOR: A Seminar cum Awareness program on sexual harassment policies was organised today by CASH of Government Degree College Akhnoor under the patronage of the college Principal Dr Romilla Malla Bhatt.

The objective of the program was to sensitize students and faculty about the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful environment within the campus. The event started with a formal welcome by convener CASH Dr Monika Malhotra. She apprised the students and staff about the program, besides highlighting the challenges women and girls face at the workplace and institutions. She also talked about the importance of POSH Act to ensure their safety and to work with dignity in an environment free of harassment.

Six students Komal, Tamanna Sharma, Ritika Sharma (Sem 3rd) and Nisha Sharma, Radhika

Sharma, Ritika Sharma (Sem 1st) representing different departments of the college spoke on the subject.

The event was well attended by 52 participants and 15 faculty members. The program concluded with an interactive session where the participants shared their thoughts, asked questions and discussed measures to prevent harassment.

The students were encouraged to stay informed, speak up and stand together against misconduct. The Committee members Dr Shashi Sharma, Dr Deepali Mahajan, Dr.Rajiv Katoch, Dr Pinky Manhas, Prof. Anjela Qureshi, Prof. Shreya Sharma, Prof. Suresh Kumar and Dr Rinjhim also interacted with the participants.

Other faculty members present on the occasion were Prof. Neeru Dalla, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Seema Kumari, Dr. Neha Uttam & Dr.Esha Kumari Verma.

Sanatan Dharm Sabha Poonch announces Deepawali programmes



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POONCH: A meeting was held today at Shri Sanatan Dharm Sabha Poonch under the chairmanship of Khaterpal Sharma, President of the Sabha, to decide the date and timing of the upcoming Deepawali celebrations in the district.

During the meeting, the Aacharyas of District Poonch unanimously decided

that the festival of Deepawali will be celebrated on Tuesday, 21 October. The decision was taken after referring to various holy scriptures.

It was also announced that the Maha Lakshmi Pooja will be performed from 5:15 PM to 8:10 PM on the same day. Khaterpal Sharma extended his gratitude to all Aacharyas for their guidance and support in reaching a

unanimous decision.

Among those present on the occasion were Amres Kumar Sharma, Dr. Darmender Shastri, Acharya Viney G, Lok Raj G, Balraj G, Rimple G, Gopal G, and Ashish G.

The Sabha appealed to the devotees and residents of Poonch to celebrate the festival with traditional fervour and unity.

SDM Chowki Choura visits Kasandar, Salyote; reviews ground situation, resolves public grievances

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CHOWKI CHOURA: Sub-Divisional Magistrate Chowki Choura Ankush Hans conducted an extensive day-long tour of the most severely affected area, Kasandar, Village Salyote-a remote habitation that has remained cut off from the mainland for the past two months following incessant rains, flash floods and landslides.

The SDM was accompanied by Tehsildar, BDO, BMO, ZEO, AE PMGSY, AE Jal Shakti (PHE), Tehsil Supply Officer Chowki Choura, Officials of the Health, Veterinary and Education Department, ex-PRI members and Village Lambardar.

During the visit, the SDM



SDM Chowki Choura Ankush Hans listening to public issues.

interacted with residents and took stock of the damage caused by the recent natural calamity, which has affected 17 families in the area. Several public grievances were heard and redressed on the spot.

The residents highlighted

link to Kasandar on a priority basis.

A medical camp was also organised by the team of the Health Department, during which health check-ups and distribution of medicines were carried out. Simultaneously, officials from the Veterinary Department examined livestock, administered vaccinations and provided necessary medicines free of cost.

Considering the forthcoming winter season, the residents requested the temporary relocation of the affected families to a safer place. Acting on the request, the SDM instructed the Education Department to make adequate rooms available in the Government High School, Salangar for tempo-

rary accommodation of the affected families.

Officers from PMGSY were further directed to expedite road restoration work, while officials from the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department were asked to ensure an uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water.

To meet the ration requirements, the Tehsil Supply Officer Chowki Choura was directed to provide one month's advance ration to all affected families before Diwali.

The SDM assured the residents that every possible measure is being taken by the administration to provide timely relief and restore normalcy in Kasandar, Village Salyote.

RD, ESIC interacts with PHDCCI & HRAK; briefs on amnesty and other schemes

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KATRA: The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) organized an interactive session with the Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra (HRAK), & PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu Region, wherein Vikas Kundal, Regional Director, ESIC J&K and Ladakh, was the Chief Guest.

The meeting was attended by Rakesh Wazir, President HRAK & Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Region; Shyam Lal Kesar, Chairman HRAK; Virender Kesar, Senior Vice President HRAK; Shiv Kumar Sharma, Former President HRAK; Parambeant Singh, ESIC Branch Head Katra; Mangal Singh, and several other



Vikas Kundal, Regional Director, ESIC J&K and Ladakh chairing meeting at Katra.

members of the business community.

While addressing the gathering, Vikas Kundal elaborated on the numerous benefits available under the ESI Corporation, and spoke in detail about its recent initiatives including the Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE 2025). He also

highlighted the ESIC Amnesty Scheme 2025, launched with the objective of reducing litigation between employers and employees. He urged all concerned to approach the Regional Office, Jammu, for withdrawal or settlement of pending cases under this scheme.

Rakesh Wazir, in his

address, encouraged the business community to fully avail themselves of the unique benefits offered under ESIC - including comprehensive medical facilities and treatment in reputed hospitals across India, pension benefits to dependents of employees in case of casualty or permanent disability, financial relief during tempo-

rary job loss, maternity benefits, and more.

Shyam Lal Kesar requested the department to renew the empanelment of SMVD Narayana Hospital with ESIC, which has expired, thereby affecting employees' access to treatment at the facility.

Virender Kesar emphasized the importance of greater awareness and publicity regarding ESIC's welfare schemes, so that maximum employees can benefit from them.

Before concluding, Kundal assured the gathering of the department's full cooperation and stated that sympathetic consideration would be given to all the points and suggestions raised during the meeting.

SBI RSETI Ramban organises entrepreneurship awareness programme



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RAMBAN: State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) Ramban today organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) at Neel Batoo and Neel Top. The Programme, held under the guidance of Director, S. Harvinder Singh and led by Senior Faculty Member Amrik Singh Raju, witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 50 local residents, including youth, women, and aspiring entrepreneurs. Ex-Sarpanch Ghulam Rasool, who graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, lauded SBI RSETI Ramban for reaching remote areas and encouraging rural youth to become self-reliant through entrepreneurship.

The Faculty Member informed participants

about the free training programmes conducted by SBI RSETI Ramban to enhance self-employment skills. He also elaborated on Government Sponsored Loan Schemes such as PMEGP, JKREGP and MUDRA, urging youth to avail the benefits the same for establishing their ventures. Awareness was also imparted about Mission YUVA, focused on skill-based training and financial empowerment.

Additionally, participants were briefed about social security schemes like PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY. The locals appreciated SBI RSETI Ramban for organizing such a beneficial programme, acknowledging the institute's ongoing efforts in promoting financial literacy, skill development and entrepreneurship across rural areas.

DC Kathua reviews progress of PMAY (U) 2.0 implementation; stresses adherence to merit-based selection

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma, today chaired a meeting to review the progress under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) 2.0 here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Kathua, Surinder Mohan Sharma; Chief Planning Officer Kathua, Ranjit Thakur; Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Kathua, and Executive



Officers of Municipal Committees Basohli, Billawar, Hiranagar, Lakhanpur and Parole.

While reviewing the physical and financial progress of cases under PMAY 2.0, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to expedite the verification and approval process of pending applica-

tions. He emphasized that all cases should be processed strictly on merit and in accordance with the scheme guidelines. The DC further instructed the officers to ensure that deficient applications are promptly scrutinized and rejected with due justification so that genuine beneficiaries are not deprived of the

benefit. He called for maintaining transparency at every stage of implementation and ensuring timely disbursement of installments to eligible beneficiaries.

The DC urged all executing agencies to work in mission mode to achieve 100% saturation under PMAY 2.0 in urban areas of Kathua district.

8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah concluding ceremony held

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REASI: The concluding ceremony of the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was organized with great enthusiasm by Poshan Project Mahore.

District Programme Officer, Poshan was the Chief Guest, while the Tehsildar Chassana attended as the Guest of Honour.

During the event, various health and nutrition stalls were displayed, showcasing the collective efforts made to promote nutritional awareness, health education and community participation.

Special awareness sessions were held on centrally sponsored schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Matru



DPO Poshan felicitating a mother.

Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), and Health & Hygiene initiatives, highlighting the importance of maternal care, child nutrition and preventive healthcare.

Beneficiaries of different Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) also took active part in the programme. On this occasion, baby kits were distributed among nursing mothers and pre-school kits were provided to beneficiaries aged 6 months to 6 years, to encourage early childhood care, learning and holistic development.

Awareness on adolescent health, anemia prevention, balanced diet and importance of vaccination was also shared. Demonstrations and interactive sessions on hand-washing, safe drinking water and preparation of low-cost nutritious recipes were conducted to promote healthy habits at the grassroots level.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Programme Officer appreciated the efforts of Supervisors, Health and Nutrition Mobilizers, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers

(AWHs) for their active participation and dedication throughout the month-long campaign. She emphasized the need to sustain the efforts of Poshan Maah activities throughout the year to achieve the vision of a "Malnutrition-Free India."

The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks presented by Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Mahore, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the District Programme Officer, Tehsildar Chassana, line departments, staff members and all participants for their valuable cooperation and contribution. She acknowledged the tireless work of field functionaries and urged them to continue spreading awareness about nutrition, health and hygiene in their respective areas.

The event ended on a positive note, celebrating the spirit of "Suposhit Bharat - Sashakt Bharat" and reaffirming the commitment towards building a healthy and nourished community.

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