

BJP rekindles hope in J&K, takes development to next level: Slathia

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SAMBA: Former Minister and Senior BJP leader Surjeet Singh Slathia on Tuesday highlighted the focused initiatives taken in Jammu and Kashmir post 2019 to restore peace and take development to the next level, saying these have rekindled hope and sense of confidence among the people.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mission J&K is getting translated into reality and the BJP is committed to ensure last person in the society getting equal share in the process of development," Slathia said while addressing the Karykarts as part of the party's "Booth Jan Samvad" at Samba town this afternoon.

Slathia said the huge transformation witnessed across the Union Territory has generated positivity and optimism among the people about better times to come.



Former Minister and Senior BJP leader Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing a gathering.

The young people are particularly registering new milestones in every field, be it sports, academics, career progression or entrepreneurship by way of start up's.

"Mission Modi has been to ensure welfare of the people by creating an atmosphere of peace and stability wherein every segment of society gets equitable opportunities to progress and prosper", he said, adding that the Prime Minister has been relentlessly

endeavouring to create an enabling situation for the people, who have undergone difficult times for decades due to misgovernance and the various other challenges. The first priority in such a grim situation was to restore peace and normalcy which became possible due to strong support of the people, finally leading to unprecedented forward movement on economic and developmental fronts. The results are dis-

cernible as the people are now deriving the dividends of peace, he added.

Slathia exuded confidence that under the BJP, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to all, without any discrimination or any favour of appeasement.

He said the voice of every region and sub-region is now being heard and course cor-

rection done in the process of governance. As a result of concerted efforts, J&K is poised to a new era of progress and prosperity , he added.

Slathia gave an overview of steps taken towards undertaking holistic development, encouraging investment and ensuring empowerment of the people in real sense of term.

Present on the occasion included President BJP Samba Kashmiria Singh, Vice President BJP Samba Vijay Singh, Mandal President BJP Samba Ankush Mahajan, Chairman MNC Pawan Kohli Anil Bhagat Co Convenor Vice Chairman Rajni Sambyal, Corporator Raj Singh, Vinod Singh, Sanjeev Padha, Narinder Singh, Rajeshwar Singh, Anil Kumar, Indu Wazir Sambyal, Rama Tosh along with all prominent workers of BJP.



Duggar Virsa grand finale held

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JAMMU: Skkrda Event India, Chakharia Foundation, and Sahityik Udaan jointly presented the grand finale of "Duggar Virsa" at Jammu Club on Tuesday.

From enchanting singing to dynamic rapping, graceful dancing, compelling writing, and uproarious comedy, candidates spanning various age groups unfolded the diverse facets of our cultural heritage. Judges from relevant fields graced the event, meticulously reviewing the talents of participants, with the highly anticipated results to be unveiled on the same captivating stage.

Presented by the charismatic Sonu Taneja, produced by the visionary "Manjeet Singh Azaad," and flawlessly organized by the talented "Tania Jamwal," the event promises an unforgettable showcase of Jammu's hidden treasures.

The distinguished Chief



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma lighting a lamp.

Guest for the evening included Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister and special guests were Jamaluddin, Meenu Mahajan, Shakufta Fatima, Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, and the Khushi (MD VLCC).

Speaking on the occasion Sham Sharma brought to the forefront the crucial role that individuals must play in the preservation of the Dogri language.

By underlining the significance of incorporating Dogri into our daily discourse, he sought to create awareness about the language's vulnerable status.

Sharma's emphasis on overcoming hesitations, particularly when engaging with children at home, reflects a broader call to action for the community to actively contribute to the sustenance of Dogri.

His words carry the weight of a plea for a collective effort, urging people to embrace and promote their linguistic heritage in their everyday lives for the benefit of future generations.

Besides, Dogri needs to be promoted by organizing cultural events and literary festivals.

NAUP condemns child labour, calls for urgent action

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JAMMU: Sandeep Singh Manhas, President of the National Awami United Party (NAUP), criticized the Government of India for the prevalence of child labour.

Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the irony of celebrating Children's Day on 14th November while children continue to work in factories and households.

Manhas expressed his concern, stating, "It is disheartening that on a day dedicated to children, many of them are engaged in labor instead of enjoying their childhood. The government emphasizes



President NAUP, Sandeep Manhas talking to reporters.

that children and youth are the future of India, but without access to education and books, how can we ensure a bright future?"

The party president raised alarm about minors working in the households of government officials,

emphasizing the need for immediate action. He urged Prime Minister Modi to enact new, stringent laws to empower children and eradicate child labour.

The National Awami United Party stands firm in its commitment to advocating for the rights and welfare of children, calling on the government to prioritize and safeguard the future of India. Manhas concluded by stating, "Our nation's progress relies on the well-being and education of our children. It is time to take decisive steps to ensure a brighter and more promising future for every child in India."

Keshav distributes disability certificates

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JAMMU: Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra distributed Disability Certificates among Divyang.

Keshav Chopra lauded the work of Health Department who is working under the guidance of Secretary Health and Medical Education Bhupinder Kumar and his team for Organising such regular camps at different Locations so that Divyang people can apply for their Disability Certificate at one place.

'This Certificate is required to apply for the disabled Pension and now they can take advantage of pension and other benefits of government sponsored schemes.

Motive of the Samvedna Society is to provide the benefits of Government



Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra handing over Disability Certificate to a Divyang.

Sponsored schemes to the needy people at their doorstep, Keshav further added.

Divyang Jan's thanked the Samvedna Society for helping them to get Disability Certificates at one place.

Nehru's role in Accession of J&K with India is historical: Bhalla



Congress leaders paying tributes to Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress paid rich tributes to the first prime minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru and lauded his historical role, far-sightedness and efforts towards the rejection of two nation theory on Jammu & Kashmir leading to the accession of state with India. Several functions at Districts and Block level were

held all over J&K. An impressive function was organized by the District congress committee Jammu Urban led by Th. Mamohan Singh at PCC HQ ,which was presided over by JKPCC working President Raman Bhalla and attended by Sr. Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and others. Paying tributes, Raman Bhalla lauded the visionary role

played by Pt Nehru in defeating the designs of two nation theory by Jinnah over Kashmir. It was his far-sightedness and his great efforts which ultimately succeeded in lending the popular support in J&K towards its accession with India by Maharaja Hari Singh on 26th Oct, 1947.

Ravinder Sharma lamented those who try to belittle the contributions of Pt. Nehru as leader of freedom struggle and as leader of the nation, who not only shaped the future of India but played the very vital rule in the world politics and was instrumental in the creation of third order in the world in the shape of NAM.

Ashok Koul holds review meeting of Panchayati Raj Cell



J&K BJP General Secretary (organization), Ashok Koul chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (organization), Ashok Koul alongwith BJP All Cells Incharge, Rakesh Mahajan, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Panchayati Raj

Cell at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar; here.

This meeting was convened by BJP Panchayati Raj Cell Convenor Surjeet Choudhary and also addressed by Co Incharge All Cells Ved Raj Sharma.

Ashok Koul said that the party has undertaken Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan in Jammu and Kashmir to reach the people in their respective areas.

He said that the party leaders are also informing the people in rural areas about what has been done for strengthening the Panchayati Raj institutions and taking the democracy at the grass root levels for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ashok Koul stressed upon the Cell's office bearers to devote more time in the panchayats and keep educating the people about the need to strengthen BJP and bringing Narendra Modi as PM for the third consecutive term.

ASSOCHAM J&K Council delegation holds meeting with MD JKTPO



ASSOCHAM J&K Council delegation calling on Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO.

discussed various issues related to trade promotions and explored initiatives to attract investment in Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting, held at the JKTPO office, provided an opportunity for ASSOCHAM and JKTPO to collaborate on strategies aimed at boosting trade and economic develop-

ment in the region.

The delegation expressed its commitment to fostering a conducive business environment and leveraging the potential of Jammu & Kashmir as an investment destination.

Key highlights of the meeting included discussions on trade promotion initiatives and the

exploration of innovative programs to attract investment to Jammu & Kashmir. The delegation, with its wealth of expertise and industry insights, engaged in constructive dialogue with Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, Imran Mahmood, Financial Advisor, and Megha Boagia, General Manager, JKTPO.

Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the private sector and government agencies to drive economic growth. He highlighted the role ASSOCHAM plays in promoting trade and commerce and expressed the council's commitment to supporting JKTPO's initiatives.

Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, acknowledged the

valuable contribution of ASSOCHAM in promoting economic development and discussed the organization's plans to facilitate trade and attract investments to Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to ongoing collaboration and the implementation of strategic initiatives for the benefit of the region.

The interaction between ASSOCHAM J&K Council and JKTPO marks a significant step towards fostering partnerships that can positively impact the economic landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. The collaborative efforts aim to create a conducive environment for businesses, promote trade, and attract investments that will contribute to the overall development of the region.

Karnataka Exam Authority order not against any religion: JKPCC

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JAMMU: The Karnataka Examination Authority order banning a head cover for some examination is not against any religion and is general restrictions for all for examination process and not anywhere else in the state, so nobody should fall in the trap of BJP-RSS over the issue.

Reacting to the statement of the BJP spokesperson trying to give communal colour to the issue, the Media Coordinator JKPCC, Neeraj Gupta said that Congress doesn't need certificate of secularism from any quarters, as it was Congress party led by Rahil Gandhi which took out a



Media Coordinator JKPCC, Neeraj Gupta.

4000 kms Padayatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir against the politics of hate and division in the country by the ruling BJP.

He said that it is the general order of an examination Authority dealing with the conduct of examinations, with regard to restrictions in

the aforesaid examinations only, not in the public places or otherwise in the state.

Neither it is with regard any religious practices in the public and should not be so misinterpreted like BJP, which is trying to fish in troubled waters, as tried by one of spokesperson of the party today while another spokesperson of the same BJP tried to support the same order in a media debate today, he said.

"The BJP should clarify and justify its double standards on its stands and stop trying to give communal twist over the issue as it's credentials are known in the matter and general too," he added.

50 years long pending demand fulfilled by Modi Govt: Raina



MP Lok Sabha, Jugal Kishore Sharma inaugurating strategically significant Atal Setu.

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NOWSHERA: Ravinder Raina, BJP President, Jammu & Kashmir and Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) inaugurated the strategically significant Atal Setu in Nowshera Constituency.

Welcoming the inauguration, the local people filled with high enthusiasm.

DDC Sangeeta Sharma, BDC Chairperson Neena Sharma, Sukhdev Choudhary, Sarpanches & Panches, Anita Choudhary, Masood

Choudhary and large number of people were present at the occasion. Raina said that the Modi Government is fulfilling the dreams of common citizens.

"Thousands of crores of Rupees are released by the Modi Government for the development of rural areas, cities and towns. Completion of Atal Setu and many more projects in J&K shows commitment of Modi Government towards development", Raina said.

Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament said that under Modi Government many demands of the people are fulfilled.

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JAMMU: A four-month internship program has been completed by teacher-trainees of the Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department said that the School Internship Programme is an integral part of the Four-year integrated B.A., B.Ed. Programme. He thanked Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ, and the principals of the collaborative schools who have facilitated to successful completion of the internship programme. In



CUJ faculty and students during a programme.

this event, the teachers of the respective schools, and faculty members of CUJ - Prof. J.N. Baliya, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Prof. Asit Mantry, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yad Ram and Dr. Mohan Galgotra played a key role in mentoring the teacher-

trainees. A total of forty teacher-trainees of Four-year Integrated B.A., B.Ed. programs were allotted four schools for enhancing their teaching skills and getting exposure to school functioning both curricular and co-curricular.

ular activities in District Samba. The schools identified for undergoing the internship program were Kendriya Vidyalaya at Rahya-Suchani, Government Girls Higher Secondary School at Jakh, and RSM Government Higher Secondary School at Rahya-Suchani.

The internship program was concluded by having interactive feedback sessions with Principals and teaching staff of concerned schools and the teacher educators from CUJ - Dr. Ravi Vanguri, and Dr. Yad Ram.

In this event, by addressing

the teacher-trainees, The Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya of CUJ, said that the teaching profession should be chosen by choice, not by chance. The upcoming ITEP will provide more opportunities for those who intend to become teachers. He further said that the present teacher-trainees were very interested in teaching classes and actively participated in various school activities of day to day. The teaching staff also expressed that the teacher-trainees were cooperative in conducting various activities at the classroom level as well as the school level.