

J&K at threshold of holistic development, political stability: Slathia



BJP Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Ramgarh.

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RAMGARH : BJP Pradesh Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday said that Jammu and Kashmir is at the threshold of transformation with holistic development, large scale investments pouring in various sectors and efforts being redoubled to restore peace.

Addressing during Parwas Programme, Slathia, who is Prabhari for the Ramgarh Assembly Constituency, said that rapid industrialization and infrastructure upgradation is the preamble for Naya Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP is working towards real-

izing the vision of the Prime Minister for ensuring holistic development of all the regions, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, he added. Slathia described the BJP as a mass movement, saying the party stands for empowerment of the people. Therefore, support from all sections of the society is the biggest strength that enables it to fight for the just cause of the people and stand steadfast in resolving issues confronting them. As a result of sustained efforts, the BJP has emerged as a force to reckon with, he added.

Slathia said the BJP's focus would be to usher

Jammu and Kashmir in a new phase of progress and development with restoration of complete normalcy and peace remaining a focal point. The BJP is committed to address the issues of the youth, the marginalized and weaker sections besides women, he said while asserting that the party will ensure to remove the disparity between region and sub regions with regard to allocation of funds for development and opportunities to flourish.

Slathia urged the Karyakartas at the grassroots level to intensify their mass outreach programme up to the booth level so that the people become part of the participatory democracy in a big way.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Chairman DDC Keshav Sharma, BDC Chairman Darshan Singh, Radhay Sham DDC Sarabjeet Singh Johal, Ramesh Bhagat Mandal President, Shemsher Singh and Shiv Choudhary.

MVD conducts series of activities across Ramban



ARTO Ramban Samrinder Singh carrying out physical verification of NH-44.

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RAMBAN: Continuing activities under Road Safety Week, Motor Vehicles Department Ramban intensified the awareness activities on National Highway-44 to sensitize drivers to focus on safe driving besides conducting enforcement drives.

ARTO Ramban Samrinder Singh informed that during the checking drives 15 vehicles were Challenged and a fine amount of Rs 4000 was collected from the violators on spot for violating MVD Rules.

As a part of road safety, ARTO under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner,

Ramban, Mussarat Islam also conducted physical verification of black spots alongside NH-44 between Nashri and Ramban.

Meanwhile, MVD also made aware about traffic rules and regulations which are necessary to prevent road accidents.

ARTO also responded to the queries raised by the drivers and transporters.

He called upon them to understand the responsibility of safe ferrying of passengers from place to another and abstain from overloading and drunken driving, two major causes of road accidents.

DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range inaugurates renovated Police Post at Old Bazar Rajouri



DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal inaugurating renovated police post.

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RAJOURI: DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal, along with President Municipal Council Rajouri Mohammad Arif, Vivek Shekar SP Rajouri and Pushpender Gupta Ward Councillor, with the efforts of Municipal Council Rajouri, inaugurated the renovated Police Chowki at Old Bazar Main City of Rajouri.

On the occasion of the programme organised by the Municipal Council Rajouri, Dr. Mughal said that the Municipal Council Rajouri is doing appreciable work whether it is sanitation work or other projects under the leadership of Mohd. Arif, President of the Municipal Council Rajouri. The project work for the renovation of the police chowki is complete under the City Beautification Plan of Rajouri Municipal Council. While addressing the media, Mohd. Arif, President of Municipal

Council Rajouri, explained that Municipal Council Rajouri has already taken on many projects under the city beautification programme and has started various developmental projects for the maintenance of all such locations, which are not only attractive but also scenic. He said, this beautification project is approved under the beautification development plan of Rajouri, which is approved for the financial year 2022-23. He further said that it was a long-pending demand of the people of Rajouri for the repair and

renovation of City Chowki, which is very important from a security point of view. "It is a priority in the development process of Rajouri town to preserve the historical entities and the old monuments," he added. The inauguration programme was also attended by SHO Rajouri Fareed Choudhary, Chowki Officer Mohammad Qayoom, Senior Citizens among Rajinder Singh, Deepak Kumar, Sushil Sharma, Amish Malhotra, Amit Kumar & many others were also present on the occasion.

Dangri killings; Candle march taken out to pay homage



Tributes being paid to martyrs of Dangri terror attack.

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RAJOURI: A big candle march was taken out late in the evening on Saturday by Vishiv Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal to pay homage to those who were selectively killed by the terrorists in village Dhangri, district Rajouri.

The candle march which started from Tehsil office Rajouri was led by VHP district President Kewal

Sharma and Bajrang Dal District President Sahil Sharma in which large number of youths participated. The protesters demanded that the terrorists and their helpers be traced out at the earliest and given deterrent punishment. They also demanded that proper protection be provided to the minority people and villagers be issued latest weapons for their safety.

Rahul Gandhi creating chaos & confusion among masses: Vibodh

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NOWSHERA: BJP State General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta accompanied by BJP senior leaders on Sunday organised a party workers meeting at Dak bungalow Nowsheera.

In the meeting detailed deliberations were held on present security situation in the area. Party workers also threw light on various upcoming party activities and programmes. Detailed discussions were also held on mobilizing booth level workers Mandal team and Morecha presidents for reaching out to common masses in a mission mode keeping the upcoming elections in mind.

Speaking on the occasion, Vibodh said that presently we have to remain cautious and alert as our enemy is very cunning and adopts every meas-



BJP State General Secretary Vibodh Gupta and others during party workers meeting.

ure to derail the massive development initiatives started by the Government. He called upon everyone to keep working hard and leave no stone unturned in addressing the local issues of the common masses. This he said is the only way to connect more and more people with the party and to ensure party's victory in the upcoming elections. Therefore he called upon the

party workers to be ready for elections as elections can be held in J&K anytime now.

While coming down heavily on Rahul Gandhi, Vibodh said that he is a person without any clarity and vision and presently he is trying to create chaos and confusion among the common masses. He further advised the BJP local leaders and workers to expose the lies of parties who want to divide

the common masses instead of uniting them. He also asked everyone to expose the misdeeds of Congress, NC and PDP among common masses as these parties have ruled us for so many decades. But these parties have always misused the common masses for their gains and people in the border villages specially in Rajouri and Poonch have always suffered because of this.

Neena Sharma District President, Sardar Bupinder Singh, Prithvi Raj Khokhar, Anil Kumar, Mool Raj Sharma, Ajay Choudhary, Harjit Singh, Preeti Gupta, Chotu Ram, Bharat Kumar, Vishal Gupta, Anita Khokhar, Anuradha Choudhary, Mamta Pagwal, Kamaljeet Singh and Sanjeev Dutta Shubam Sharma Ravinder Sharma were also present on the occasion.

Kishtwar Admn intensifies awareness under ‘Back to School’ initiative of Project Talaash

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KISHTWAR: District Administration Kishtwar in collaboration with Education Department and Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj on Sunday conducted Special gram Sabhas for mass level awareness campaign launched under the project Talaash- Back to School across the district at designated places/villages where the number of Out Of School Children (OOSC) is very high.

Officers of District Administration participated in these Gram Sabhas wherein they sensitised the masses/parents about the rollout scheme of bringing the OOSC including school dropouts and never enrolled children of the age of 6-14 years. Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav presided over such a



Admn officials educating people during the programme.

sabha here at HS Cherji, block Nagseni wherein ACD Atul Dutt Sharma, DDC member Faisal Kichloo, PRIs, Parents, locals, teachers, identified OOSC. During the gram sabha, DC Kishtwar informed that under project Talaash OOSCs have been identified through a survey conducted by different stakeholders and in some villages including Cherji village the figures are very high which require all out efforts

from all corners to bring these out of school children back to school and improving the literacy rate. He assured that the administration is taking all possible steps like winter classes and bridge courses under Samagra etc which can be instrumental in bringing the OOSC figures down. Turning education as the backbone of the developmental process, DC Kishtwar urged the PRIs and common masses to cooperate

with the Education Department to ensure that the OOSC including School dropouts and never enrolled children of the age of 6-14 years are re-enrolled. On the occasion the parents were administered a pledge to send their wards back to school. Meanwhile, the DC also listened to the grievances of people and PRIs who apprised him about the grievances related to the streamlining of the public services and requirement of infrastructure in education, health, road, power and water supply. vSimilarly, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar Sham Lal presided over special gram sabha at MS Gorna, Panchayat Bhagna, Zone Nagseni and gave awareness about the project Talaash and Back to School initiative besides encouraged people to re-enroll age appropriate

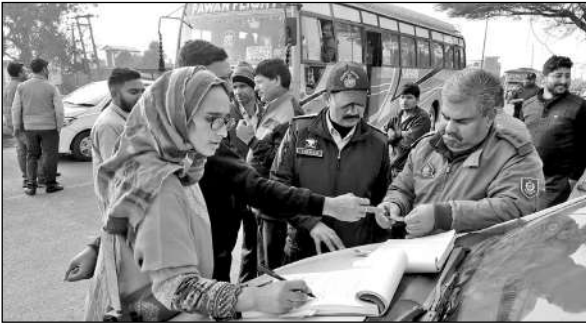
school dropouts and never enrolled children in winter camps. He also administered a pledge to send their wards back to school. He was accompanied by CEO Kishtwar Sudarshan Kumar Sharma and concerned officials. Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar Kishori Lal Sharma also urged parents to re-enroll their out of school children under Back to School initiative here in special gram Sabha organised at MS Chamoti Drabshalla besides he also listened to the grievances of people and resolved many on spot in coordination with concerned field functionaries. Similarly, gram sabha was conducted at HS Piyas under the supervision of Tehsildar Nagseni Majid Jehangir wherein OOSCs and their parents were encouraged and sensitised about the Back to School Campaign.

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SAMBHA: Cracking the whip on erring passenger buses Team MVD Samba issued notices for cancellation of fitness certificate of passenger buses, who have tampered their Speed limiting devices and set speed limit of 120 KMPH instead of allowed 60 KMPH.

The drive was launched by ARTO Samba Rehana Tabassam and MVI Vikas Srivats Under the supervision of RTO Samba Pankaj Mangotra under overall guidance of Transport Commissioner J&K Rahul Sharma.

Sharing details ARTO Samba said that during the drive major focus was on Buses with built-up Speed Limiting. Devices were checked electronically (OBD) with the help of TATA software in collaboration with M/S Jamkash



ARTO Samba Rehana Tabassam during the drive.

Vehicleades Vijaypur. She informed that 24 buses were found either without SLD or with tampered inbuilt SLD ranging from 90KMPH to 120 KMPH instead of a fixed limit of 60 KMPH. She further added that as many as 140 vehicles were checked out of which 70 vehicles were Challenged/Compounded against various violations and fine to the tune of Rs. 1

lakh was realised from violators on spot. In view of the increasing fatal road accidents in the State, the Transport Commissioner J&K UT has issued strict instructions to monitor speed of the passenger vehicles and directed for taking strict action like cancellation of fitness certificates of erring buses drivers who have done tampering with the speed governors.

Sadguru Kabir Sabha holds general body meeting; elects President

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BISHNAH: A meeting of J&K UT General Body of All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha comprising Distt President/Block President and other prominent personalities of the Sabha was held on Sunday at Kabir Bhawan, Chak Awtara, Bishnah. Agenda of the meeting was to elect new Distt President for Jammu.

Manohar Lal (Retd Inspector) was unanimously



Members of Sabha after the meeting at Bishnah.

elected as President Distt Jammu and was welcomed by the Sabha including all Kabir Mandir Committees. President of the Sabha EC Bhagat congratulated him for the new assignment and the responsibility of the Sabha. The President of the Sabha also greeted the members and put forth the agenda for deliberations with regard to the upcoming elections of the Central Body including State President and Gen Secretary. He appealed the general public to actively participate in the upcoming elections and said that any person who is willing to own this responsibility should come forward and contest the

elections. The general body of the Sabha unanimously decided that HQ of the Sabha should be at Old Kabir Mandir Bishnah as per the past. G.R Bhagat, Vice President of the Sabha gave the vote of thanks and also congratulated the newly elected Distt President.

Prominent personalities of the Sabha who attended the meeting were all Distt Presidents, all Presidents/Block Presidents/Mandir Committee Chairmen, Manohar Lal, General secretary, Buti Ram, Dr Gurdass Bhagat, Yash Pal, Madan Lal, Sat Pal, Subhas Bhagat, Ashwani Kumar.

Unity, teamwork amongst cadre a key for party's victory in upcoming polls: Col Mahan

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BANI (KATHUA): Describing the current political climate in Jammu and Kashmir very conducive for BJP to come to power, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua and former BJP President Pahari Zila (Basohli, Billawar, Bani) urged cadres to make special efforts to woo people from all sections of the society, to ensure party's victory in the coming Panchayat, Assembly and Parliamentary elections. In this context, Col Mahan Singh alongwith Thakur Dass, senior BJP functionary chaired a series of meetings of BJP Karyakartas at Bani today.

Pertinent to mention that Col Mahan Singh has recently been given responsibility as Parbhari for Bani Assembly Constituency by the Party to strengthen the party's organizational structure in the hilly and remote regions of Bani and Lohai Malhar.

In separate meetings held with Constituency level Core Group, Mandal Teams and Shakti Kendras & booth level workers, Col Mahan emphasized on unity and teamwork amongst party

workers. He asked the party workers to launch a mass movement for strengthening the party organization at gross root level in this hill region and discussed various strategies with party workers to prepare for future elections.

During his four-day schedule to Bani Assembly Constituency besides Bani, DDC Chairman will also visit Duggan, Doggain and Machhedhi blocks and thoroughly interact with party workers and supporters. He urged party workers to highlight party ideology and achievements of the Central & UT Government before the public.

The DDC Chairman observed that the BJP Karyakartas were seen enthusiastic and motivated on the occasion, especially keeping in view forthcoming elections at Panchayats, Assembly and Lok Sabha levels.

Among others who were present include senior party workers Uttara Chand Goswami, Mansa Ram, Mela Ram, Moti Ram, Reeta Thakur DDC, Neelam Devi BDC Chairperson, Brij Mohan Singh, Dhani Ram, Bhushan Kumar, Sushil Banjalia and Roshan Lal.

KVK Reasi promoting organic vegetables cultivation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is endeavouring for the organic vegetables production in Reasi distt. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi scientists are guiding and motivating the farmers for the commercial organic and natural farming. Talwara and adjoining villages such as Kansai Patta and Kans Brahmma of Reasi district of J&K are commercially producing the organic vegetables. Farmers of the area are trained by KVK, Reasi on Jeevamrit preparation, Panchgavya preparation, cow urine preparation, beejamrit preparation, fermented butter milk preparation, vermicomposting technology etc. According to Sr. Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, organic and natural farming can play a significant role in enhancing the farmers' income and employment. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) have initiated the special drive on organic farming/natural farming/cow based economy/sustainable agriculture so that the income and employment among the farmers can be enhanced. Organic farming assists to improve the health status of the soil and chemical free vegetables are produced through this type of farming. In order to maintain the moisture in their vegetables and keep them weed free, they are using different types of mulching materials. By observing the results of successful organic vegetables growers in the area, many new farmers are showing keen interest towards the cultivation of organic vegetables.

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