

# Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues inspiring Journey across Jammu Division



MP Ghulam Ali Khatana attending VBSY in Poonch.

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**POONCH:** Member of Parliament, Ghulam Ali Khatana participated in the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a nationwide campaign dedicated to raising awareness and ensuring widespread implementation of flagship government schemes.

Secretary, Mining, Dr. Rashmi Singh, DDC Chairperson Poonch, Deputy Commissioner Poonch and DDC Vice Chairperson Poonch were also present on the occasion.

The event, held at Degree College Poonch, witnessed enthusiastic participation from diverse segments of society.

The campaign, highlighted through an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van, showcased remarkable success stories of beneficiaries who have thrived under multiple schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), UMEED, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan), Poshan Abhiyan, Old Age Pension and more. Notably, a pivotal moment included a message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, personally delivered through the IEC van, underscoring the government's commitment towards nation's development.

Various government departments contributed to the vibrancy of the event by setting up stalls at the venue, presenting a visual narrative of the myriad schemes and programs actively being implemented in the district.

On the occasion, PRIs, locals, and students came together during the event to take a collective pledge for a Viksit Bharat, symbolizing dedicated commitment towards advancement and progress of our nation.

The 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani' segment featured impactful firsthand accounts from beneficiaries, showcasing the tangible benefits and positive changes brought about by the government's welfare programs.

Addressing the event, Er Ghulam Ali Khatana emphasized the significance of the Viksit Bharat Yatra, elucidating its role as a transformative nationwide journey aimed at promoting government schemes. He underscored the significance of various welfare schemes during his address. He, while emphasizing that awareness is pivotal for successful implementation of government initiatives, highlighted how informed citizens play a crucial role in overall success of these programs.

Member Parliament also highlighted the pivotal role of self-employment in fostering economic independence and underscored the transformative potential embedded within these initiatives. He added that the main motive to conduct such programmes is to educate public and analyse if the benefits of the government schemes is reaching at ground level or not.

Secretary expressed gratitude for the participant's active involvement and commended the district administration for successfully organizing the program. She urged the people to visit stalls set up by different departments to get familiar with the procedures of different schemes run by the government.

She underscored the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra's role in creating awareness, bridging gaps for inclusive development, and fostering engagement with government schemes.

On the occasion, Member Parliament handed over keys of houses to beneficiaries under PMAY (U) besides presenting permission letter for PMAY houses, cheques of mobilization advance to BLC beneficiaries, sanction letter for high tech polyhouse under IHADP, Golden Cards to beneficiaries, loan sanction letter of J&K bank under different self employment generation schemes and keys of passengers vehicles under MUMKIN scheme.

Besides, school bags were also handed over to school girls in addition to a signature campaign organised by the Social Welfare Department under the Beti Padho Beti Bachao initiative.

Meanwhile, Vice Chairman DDC Council Poonch, shared his experience of how he took the benefit of Centrally Sponsored Scheme like IDDS in setting up a Dairy Business. He added that there are many self-employment schemes run by the government and everyone should take benefits of the same for employment generation.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by the District Development Council Chairperson Poonch, Tazeem Akhter.

Among others, Joint Director Mining and DC State Taxes Enforcement, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, ACP, Chief Medical Officer, and other District officers, officials, PRIs and public attended the event.

**DODA:** Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, J&K, Shakeel UI Rehman Rather led the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Panchayat Chinote, Bhandarwah, hosted in the PWD (R&B) Dak Bungalow in Bhandarwah.

The event not only drew high-ranking officials but also showcased a spectrum of engaging activities.

The welcome address marked the initiation of the Yatra, setting the tone for the proceedings.

The screening of a special message from the Prime Minister adding a national touch to the local developmental initiatives.

The Prime Minister's message resonated through the event, emphasizing the collaborative efforts required for holistic growth.

A pivotal moment in the Yatra was the Sankalp Pledge, where attendees collectively affirmed their dedication to the cause of regional development. This ceremonial commitment underscored the unity of purpose and the shared responsibility of all participants, from high-ranking officials to community representatives.

The program took a personal turn with "Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani," providing a platform to individuals to share their stories and experiences. This interactive session fostered a deeper connection between the officials and the local community, promoting a sense of understanding and shared vision.

Integral to the event was the announcement of the saturation of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes, marking a significant milestone in the region's developmental journey. This achievement reflects the concerted efforts of both local and central authorities in ensuring the comprehensive implementation of key schemes for the welfare of the community.

Commissioner Shakeel UI Rehman Rather's leadership and the diverse activities showcased in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra not only signify a commitment to development but also exemplify the collaborative spirit necessary for sustainable

progress. As the echoes of the Yatra resonate, Panchayat Chinote stands poised for a transformative journey towards prosperity.

During the event, Commissioner expressed during interactions with sarpanch, pancha, and PRIs members the importance of collaborative efforts for the implementation of centrally sponsored government schemes to provide maximum benefit to the public. He was informed that around 95 percent of government schemes had already been implemented with the efforts of panchayats' frontline workers. Commissioner Rather highlighted the significant development and prosperity witnessed in the UT during the present regime. Additionally, he acknowledged the increased tourism potential in district Doda, attributing it to the collective efforts of stakeholders working towards boosting tourism in the district.

**RAJOURI:** The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is gaining momentum in Rajouri, with the aim to implement the government schemes and promote comprehensive development in the



BJP leader and DDC member Suresh Sharma during Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Akhnoor.

district.

Today, the VBSY IEC van traveled through the panchayats of Darhal, Thanamandi, Manjakote, Plangarh, and Budhal Old blocks of Rajouri district, including the panchayats of Manyal Upper, Pangai Lower, Pangai Upper, Shadra A, Manjakote, Galhuti Upper, Rajdhani Lower, Rajdhani Upper, Sagawat, Nadian-A, Saaj 2, Kanthol Marutha, Kanthol Sadda, Kha-B and Jamola Upper B.

The initiative seeks to transform Rajouri by reaching underserved areas and effectively implement government programs to improve the lives of its residents.

To effectively communicate and raise awareness about these initiatives, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van has been deployed as an essential part of the Yatra. This mobile communication platform has played a crucial role in engaging with local communities and equipping them with the necessary knowledge to benefit from government schemes.

The impact of the Yatra has facilitated improved access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, as well as overall progress in Rajouri District. The initiative has been carefully planned and executed to align with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY represents progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.



Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration Shakeel UI Rehman Rather during Vibrant Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Bhandarwah.

**KISHTWAR:** The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on Sunday marked a significant stride as the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van traversed through a series of pivotal locations encompassing Poochal, Bhanderkoot, Thakrie, and Anjole areas of district Kishtwar.

The primary objective of this extensive movement was to disseminate vital information and raise awareness about critical Central Sector

Development Council member Pt. Suresh Sharma. In the programme the various departments had set up their stalls and gave detailed information to the beneficiaries and deprived sections about the public welfare schemes run by the Union Government. Pt. Suresh Sharma inspected all the stalls and directed the officials to ensure the benefits of Welfare schemes launched by Modi government to all the people. While addressing the public present in the programme, Suresh Sharma said that today the rein of the country is in very strong hands and the country is developing fast under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is personally monitoring all the welfare schemes for the development of every section of the society. Suresh Sharma highlighted that 4 crore families got Pucca houses under PM Awas YOJANA ; each farmer of country gets 6000 per year under Kissan Samman Nidhi; Ayushman Card has become a blessing for each person who can get free treatment upto 5 lac rupees as a result of which the people of Jammu and Kashmir UT are getting treatment in the best hospitals of the country; PM Ujjawala Yojana and big NH road projects started by Modi Government are giving direct benefit to the public. Suresh Sharma said that he could say with pride that Modi Government is the government of poor people and consequently the whole country is on the path of progress. The programme was very impressing as school children also presented cultural activities. In this programme, BDC smt. Sushma Devi, Block Development Officer Tahir Hafiz, Naib Tehsildar Tara Singh, Headmaster Nisha Kumari, BJP Mandal President Sh. Ram Lal Sharma, Sarpanch Tarlochan Dutt, Mandal Maha Mantri Master Chanchal Singh, Tarsem Lal, Sanjeev Singh, Panches and the staff members of various departments and many other prominent persons were present.

**AKHNOOR:** As part of the nationwide Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, camps were held in Akhnoor and Jourian. The first camp was organised at Bus Stand, Akhnoor, and the second one at Main Market, Jourian. A large number of people, including men, women, elderly and children joined the yatra at both locations. The yatra focuses on creating awareness among the people about the government's flagship schemes on sanitation, health, food security, education and farmers' welfare among others. A specially designed Information, Communication and Education (IEC) van made the participants aware of the government welfare measures for the people, especially the underprivileged and those living in far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir. During the programmes held today, participants took the Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge to make India a developed and self-reliant nation by the year 2047. On the occasion, Government of India's calendars were distributed among the people free of cost, besides other publicity materials on schemes and developmental initiatives taken for their benefit.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023 from Jharkhand. The yatra will cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by January 25, 2024, touching every district of the country.

## Development of nation is prime agenda of BJP: Jugal

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**KHOUR:** Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma along with VC DDC Suraj Singh, Former Minister Sukhmandan Choudhary, Former MLA Rajeev Sharma, Krishan Lal, Mahant Rameshwar Dass, BJYM President Arun Dev Singh, Senior Leaders BJP, Sarpanches and Panches toured village Khour, Malla Pokharni in Khour Constituency & Paili Gandeh in Sunderbani Kalakote Constituency and paid tribute to Ram Lal Manhas Senior Leader BJP & Former Mla on his Death Anniversary. He also visited District BJP office Akhnoor and boosted Morale of Yuva Moreha Party Workers.

Member of Parliament while addressing the gathering at the occasion said that development is the main agenda of Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that Government in Center under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working hard and trying to reach every doorstep to uplift every poor of the society. He



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing gathering at Khour.

said that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is started to register every citizen who left without getting the benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes. He said that agenda is one to develop nation & to reach every man standing last in the que for the betterment of very class. He said that tremendous development can be seen in every corner of J&K and many mega projects have started to change the face of Jammu and Kashmir. He also thanked Prime Minister for starting one more Vandebharat Train for Jammu & Kashmir which boosts tourism of U.T. He said that under the leader-

ship of Modi Ji every area is getting equal share of development. He while taking a strong note on Congress, NC said that previous governments always neglected Jammu and tried to stop the development of Jammu but during the tenure of Bharatiya Janata Party, every area is developed. He said that rural areas are developed by the means of road connectivity, water facility, electricity facility, education and other basic needs. He said that during previous Governments borders always remained tensed, maximum ceasefire violations happened and people have to

suffer a lot but now borders are silent and people are can lead their life safely. He urged people to take part in "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" programmes and other upcoming camps in maximum numbers so that every poor can avail the benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes.

Member of Parliament along with Party workers and Public in large also listened Prime Minister's popular programme "Man ki Baat". BDC Neha Rajput, BDC Nisha Devi, Prabhari Brijeshwar Rana, Seh-Prabhari Manmohan Singh, Ex-Chairman Deputy Ram, Mandal Presidents BJP Rattan Singh, Swarn Singh, Senior BJP Leaders Ashok Chib, Jagdish Bhagat, Daljeet Singh Chib, Dr Parshotam, Bharat Bhushan, Sukhdev Singh, Deepak Bhau, Kamal Bhagat, Amit Sharma Sarpanches Pathan Singh, Sham Lal, Narayan Dass and others also present at the occasion.

## 5-Day Vibrant Bhandarwah Winter Fest concludes

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**DODA:** The Vibrant Bhandarwah Festival, a symbol of cultural splendour and winter charm in the Chenab Valley, culminated in a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration. This grand finale was marked by the sensational performance of Punjabi star Kaka. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Directorate of Tourism Jammu, the District Administration Doda, the Academy of Art, Culture and Language, and the Bhandarwah Development Authority, the festival give a big leap to the tourism in the district.

The festival, which unfolded against the enchanting backdrop of Bhandarwah Fort, reached its pinnacle with Kaka's exhilarating performance, captivating an audience of over one lakh tourists. His dynamic presence against the snow-clad scenery created a magical blend of modern rhythm and traditional celebration, leaving attendees spellbound.

Under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the leadership of Secretary Tourism Abid Rashid and management of DC Doda Harvinder Singh, the festival witnessed an unprecedented influx of over one lakh tourists. Bhandarwah Fort, illuminated beautifully, became a beacon of cultural fusion, hosting a range of activities from traditional dances to the inauguration of



An artist performing during the fest at Bhandarwah.

a state-of-the-art cineplex. The festival also featured a mini film theatre where attendees enjoyed the latest releases, including 'Sam Bahadur', 'Tiger-3', and '12th Fail'. During intermissions, the public had the opportunity to watch inspiring success stories of the district's popular personalities, adding an enriching layer to the celebration.

The highlight of the event was the mesmerizing fireworks display at midnight, signifying the end of the festival and the beginning of 2024. The New Year's Eve party at Bus Stand Bhandarwah, featuring Kaka's performance, was a testament to the joyous spirit of the festival.

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda, the Academy of Art, Culture and Language, and the Bhandarwah Development Authority, extends its heartfelt gratitude to the local public, tourists, media men, and stakeholders. Their participation and support were instrumental in the successful real-

ization of the Vibrant Bhandarwah Festival. This event not only showcased the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Bhandarwah but also marked its emergence as a dynamic hub of tourism in the Chenab Valley, blending tradition with modernity.

In his message, Abid Rashid, Secretary Tourism, has reiterated that the department is committed and continuing its efforts to tap into the untapped tourism potential of the Bhandarwah and other less known tourist destinations in the UT. He said that the aim of holding such kind of festivals is to promote local culture, traditions, and to tap the tourism potential of the areas otherwise bestowed by nature with natural scenic and serene surroundings. The department is also promoting homestays to meet out the shortage of tourism infrastructure and to create livelihood for the locals, he added.

Deputy Commissioner Doda, S. Harvinder Singh, has expressed his keen interest in encouraging the tourism sector in the district

to create livelihood opportunities in the district and to give the district, particularly Bhandarwah, its due share in the tourism map of the county. He affirmed that all the measures shall be taken to improve the tourism infrastructure in the district. He informed that accepting the great potential of the district in the tourism sector, some private stakeholders have already pitched in, and world-class hotels and some 5-star facilities are being established in the district. UT administration and District Administration is committed to setting all the required parameters in order to have safe and pleasant tourism activities going on in the district throughout the year.

Joint Director Tourism Sunaina Mehta has announced that Bhandarwah has been earmarked as Wedding destination and a site for Mice tourism. She informed that this year till date more than 5 lakh tourists visited Bhandarwah, which talks itself about the progress made by the region in the tourism sector.

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## SMVDU student presents Paper at International Congress on Renewable Energy

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**KATRA:** Milind Shukla, a final year student of the School of Mechanical Engineering (SOME) presented a research paper at the International Congress on Renewable Energy held at KREEPA, Cochin, Kerala under aegis of Solar Energy Society of India (SESI) during 07-09 December 2023. The paper discusses the transformation of power grids to smart grids. The presented paper will be published in SESI National Journal. This achievement reflects his dedication and the quality of his research, and serves as a testament to the rigorous academic standards and opportunities provided by the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU. The School continues to inspire and motivate its students to achieve excellence in their chosen fields while fostering an environment of innovation and academic growth. Milind Shukla's successful participation in ICORE 2023 is a notable milestone in his academic journey, setting an example for future students and highlighting the University's commitment to promoting research and scholarly endeavours.

