

India will choose INDIA: Solanki

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SAMBHA: Continuing its election campaign, the Congress on Saturday kept up its parliamentary election campaign firmly at Samba in Jammu after Doda, Reasi and Udhampur and organised a massive rally in the town.

Today, under the leadership of party in-charge and former Union Minister Bharatsinh Solanki, a crowd of hundreds gathered in the town and the common people expressed their confidence in the party.

As soon as they entered the town, in-charge Bharat Singh Solanki, Pradesh President Vikar Rasool Wani and other senior leaders were accorded a warm welcome by local leaders.

AICC Co-Incharge Manoj Yadav, Former Dy. CM Tara Chand Working President Raman Bhalla, Sr Vice Presidents Balwan Singh & Ravinder Sharma, Vice Presidents Yash Pal kundal, Naresh Gupta AICC coordinator Jammu, Pranab Shagotra VP, Gen. Sec. Pawan Raina, Ex -minister



Senior Congress leader Bharatsinh Solanki and others during public meeting.

Gurbachan Rana, Gen Secretaries Shashi Sharma, M K Bhargava, Subash Bhagat, Narinder Gupta, Akash Bharat, Sanjeev Sharma DCC Babbal Gupta, Neeraj Gupta, Rajan Sharma, Jagdeep Singh, Tirth Bhagat, Vijay Tagotra and Jatinder Raina, Sonu Dogra, AP Lucky Kuber Singh & ors accompanied the senior leadership.

Speaking at the rally Solanki made it clear that people of India is going to make the INDIA block win in the upcoming elections. Talking about the party's slogan 'Judega Bharat, Jeetega India', Solanki said that our countrymen are upset with the

policies and working style of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the last ten years and this is the reason why today the India Alliance is getting support from the entire country. Referring to the Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra of former party president and firebrand leader Rahul Gandhi, he said that when Rahul ji had covered thousands of miles on foot from Kanyakumari to Kashmir to connect India, the whole India accompanied him. And now that the Nyaya Yatra has started afresh from a state like Manipur, once again the country is travelling this journey on foot with Rahul ji. Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

mysterious silence on Manipur for almost three months, Solanki said that today the oppressed and downtrodden people of this country expect justice only from Congress. He termed the Modi government's decision of waiving off billions of rupees of capitalists as serious issue and said that on one hand the poor of this country are getting poorer and on the other hand, Modi ji's friends like Anbani and Adani are becoming the world's biggest businessmen overnight. Pointing towards inflation, unemployment, statehood, drug addiction, illegal mining and liquor mafia, he said that Modi government has given nothing but hatred

and lies to this country in the last ten years.

In his address, State President Vikar Rasool Wani alleged that today the people of Jammu have not achieved anything except corruption, drug addiction and large scale unemployment.

Talking about the state coming number one in terms of unemployment and India's name coming after Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal in the Global Hunger Index, Vikar said that the days of those doing politics in the name of religion are over. Vikar made it clear that religion and politics are two completely different dimensions and people now fully understand the bad politics of dividing the country in the name of religion only.

Party's working president Raman Bhalla, said that today such a huge network of factories is standing in Samba, it is the contribution of Congress only. Referring to all the big projects going on in the state, he said that in reality most of the projects were started during the tenure of Manmohan Singh's govern-

ment but BJP has no match in taking false credit.

Talking about the package of Rs 30 lakh to the displaced people during the Congress government, Bhalla said that BJP closed the files by giving only Rs 5.5 lakh whereas the displaced people who came to India after seeing the bloody struggle of displacement, deserved much more than this.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand, in his address reminded that Samba is a district because of Congress & referred to many big recruitment during the UT.

Pointing towards the alleged fraud of crores in the Jal Shakti Department, he said that the people of the state got nothing but deception. Talking about the abrogation of Article 370, he said that the rights that our people had to land and jobs were forcibly abolished. While demanding statehood, Tara Chand said that the Home Minister had promised to give back the statehood while standing in the Parliament of the country, which has not been fulfilled yet.

Commissioner Secretary assesses infrastructure, working conditions



Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh during visit to Bhadarwah.

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DODA: Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, conducted an extensive visit to evaluate and inspect the industrial landscape at Bhadarwah. The visit focused on scrutinizing existing facilities and infrastructure within the industrial area besides identifying potential areas for further improvement in business profile of the area. Commissioner Secretary inspected various aspects of the industrial zone, delving into the available facilities and infrastructure. He also enquired about the hindrances, if any, impeding the industrial growth in the region while asking the concerned to work out effective strategy to weed out those within shortest possible time. He asked the concerned officers to pave the way for setting up of new industrial ventures, fostering economic growth and creating opportunities for empowerment of local entrepreneurs.

Vikramjit Singh assessed the existing working conditions in the industrial area and asked for further improvements besides assuring all assistance from the government on this account. "These visits align with government's broader goal of boosting the local economy, fostering industrial growth and enhancing the overall empowerment of the community."

DGPC appeals to higher authorities to review HC's decision



DGPC President, Narinder Singh briefing media.

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POONCH: District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) on Saturday strongly appealed to central governance to object and review the decision given by the J&K high court that "Singh" or "Kaur" is not mandatory required after the name of a Sikh. DGPC President, Narinder Singh said the Sikh identity is not subject to worldly courts, but it is based on conduct blessed by the Sikh gurus and reli-

gious attribute and attire which Sikh gurus have bestowed upon Khalsa Panth. He said the name of a Sikh cannot be guessed without 'Singh' or 'Kaur', so the comment of the Jammu and Kashmir high court is "directly against the Singh culture, religious beliefs and conduct of lifestyle of Singh Sangat". He said although the decision of the Jammu and Kashmir HC is related to the Akhmoor District Gurdwara Management Committee, it is

in "violation of the Sikh principles and traditions" and has also hurt the sentiments of Sikhs worldwide.

"The court does not have any right to make such a statement which is totally biased on a matter related to the religious conduct of Sikhs and in such cases suggestions and opinions must be taken from the Akal Takht, the supreme authority of Sikhs and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee," he added.

He said the DGPC will take appropriate action after consulting legal experts regarding the decision of the J&K HC to uphold Sikh Identity and core values. Gurcharan Singh joint Secretary DGPC Vice President S. Surinder Singh, Balvinder Singh Baghi, were also present and strongly appealed to review the decision.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Sangeeta emphasizes last mile delivery of public services

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REASI: "Ensuring last mile delivery of public services is the hallmark of present dispensation with emphasis on reaching the unreached with good governance at their doorsteps", stated Director in Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Prabhari Officer for the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Sangeeta Gupta, while addressing a mega public outreach programme at Government Higher Secondary School Laiter, Pouni block in Reasi.

The event, held as part of VBSY, witnessed an overwhelming participation of locals and beneficiaries of government schemes besides being attended by various officers including ADC Reasi, Tehsildar Pouni, BDO Panthal and Pouni, BMO, PRI members, teachers, students and other prominent



Director in Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs Sangeeta Gupta during Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

personalities.

As part of VBSY, Sangeeta Gupta, along with the participants, took pledge for Viksit Bharat, emphasizing the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Meri Kahani Meri Zubani initiative showcased the success stories and experiences of beneficiaries of various Central and UT government schemes.

During the event, message from the Prime Minister and a film highlighting the objec-

tives of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra were screened. Sangeeta Gupta distributed Ujjwala gas connections among the beneficiaries, offering a crucial source of clean energy to households in tribal areas.

While inspecting stalls set up by government departments, Director emphasised upon the officers to raise awareness and achieve saturation regarding major government schemes.

Addressing the gathering,

Sangeeta Gupta encouraged citizens to actively participate in the ongoing VBS Yatra which is aimed at to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive the benefit of government schemes and had direct interaction with the officials. She highlighted the importance of achieving saturation of all government schemes and ensuring last mile delivery in making India a developed nation by 2047.

While overseeing the activities being conducted through

VBSY IEC van, she underscored the pivotal role of the vehicle in disseminating information about government sponsored schemes to all gram panchayats besides highlighting PM's vision of a developed nation.

Expressing confidence in resolving public grievances within stipulated timeframes, Gupta emphasized the government's dedication towards ensuring efficient governance. She praised the cultural performances of students involved in the Yatra, commending their vibrant display of India's diverse heritage.

She appreciated the district administration for organizing successful Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra across the district, showcasing government's commitment of providing benefits and timely services to its citizens.

Implementation of credit, Self-employment schemes: DDC Rajouri reviews performance of line departments, banks

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat on Saturday presided over the meeting of District Level Review Committee (DLRC) to review the implementation of government sponsored self-employment initiatives and credit schemes across different sectors.

The agenda encompassed a detailed scrutiny of the implementation status of schemes by the line departments and banks.

In an in-depth analysis, the meeting delved into the progress achieved under critical indicators such as the Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio, implementation of annual credit plan and the saturation of farmers under different Kisan Credit Card (KCC) schemes, including Agriculture, Animal



DDC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat chairing DLRC meeting.

Husbandry, and Sheep Husbandry.

Notably, the district has recorded a commendable 52.24 percent CD ratio as of September 30, 2023.

After a rigorous evaluation of the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for the fiscal year 2023-24 was done, DDC Om Prakash Bhagat directed bankers to prioritize lending to the priority sector.

Turning focus on the credit flow through KCC to allied sectors, the meeting highlighted that 2323

cases and 71 cases have been disbursed under the Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry Sector, respectively.

Scrutiny of special credit facilities for street vendors revealed that 77 cases have been sanctioned under PM SVANIDHI scheme, with 32 cases already disbursed. Additionally, 539 cases were sanctioned under NRLM, all have been disbursed.

The DDC also sought details on the progress of

PMEGP under DIC, PMEGP KVIB, PMEGP KVIC, PMFME, NULM and JKREGP. The DC asked financial institutions to minimize the gap in cases sponsored, sanctioned, and disbursed.

Further review covered NULM, ACC, MUMKIM, Dejaswini, Ultra High Density Apple Plantation, social security schemes including PMSBY, PMJJ-BY and APY and Aadhar seeding of DBT accounts. The DDC directed bankers and line departments to

move ahead with a focused approach to educate the public about government loan schemes to uplift their socio-economic status.

Emphasis was placed on inclusivity, ensuring the coverage of all eligible individuals under social security schemes and Aadhaar seeding of all Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) accounts.

The meeting was attended by CPO Mohammad Khurshid, GM DIC Ashwini Sharma, DDE Qadeer Ul Rehman, LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; Director RSETI Raman Sharma, DSHO, PP Sagotra; CAHO, Dr Khalid Hussain; DHO, Shafqat Khan; PO DUDA, Kavita, AD Fisheries, Bodh Raj; DO NRLM, Javaid Ul Sofi; Bankers and other officers from different departments.

214 people from Bhadarwah proceed towards Ayodhya for Pran Pratishtha

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BHADERWAH: To show their feelings, excitement and happiness about the much awaited inauguration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, hundreds of people from different parts of Bhadarwah gathered at Lakshmi Narayan Chowk to see off the batch of 214 devotees going to participate in consecration ceremony of Ram Temple 'Pran Pratishtha' in Ayodhya on January 22. The group of 214 devotees in 4 busses headed by President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhadarwah Vrinder Razdan proceeded towards Ayodhya to participate in Ram Temple inauguration 'Pran Pratishtha'. Huge crowd of people assembled at Vasuki Nag Temple in Vasuki Dhera Bhadarwah, where after taking blessings of Lord Vasuki Nag- the main deity of ancient Naga cult, a huge procession of people was taken out while singing devotional songs, which after passing through Khakhal Mohalla,



Ganpat Bazar, Seri Bazaar and culminated at Lakshmi Narayan Chowk. They were also raising slogans 'Ram Lalla Ki Jai', 'Raj Tilak ki karo tayari, aa rahe hai Bhagwadhari'. Vrinder Razdan, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhadarwah said that a huge crowd from different parts of Bhadarwah arrived Vasuki Nag Temple to see off people going to Ayodhya for the idol Pran Pratishtha ceremony of the Ram Temple.

"You can see the happiness of people. It's enthusiasm shows how connected they are with

Ram Temple. They are happy as their dream of a grand temple is becoming reality," Razdan added, saying that it's a beginning of 'Ramraj' in our country.

Meanwhile elaborate Security arrangements were made for the programme as SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma along with SHO Bhaderwah Amrit Katoch was also present on the occasion.

The police officers were directed to ensure high security in the area and to remain extra vigilant about people coming to the town.

Training for Investigators on 'Women Safety' concludes

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UDHAMPUR: Five days training programme for Investigators on "Women Safety" sponsored by BPR&D New Delhi which commenced on 15th January 2024 at S.K. Police Academy concluded on Saturday. Twenty two Police Officers of the rank of ASI to DySP which



include 3 female officers attended the training programme.

The course was designed to accommodate investigation skills and knowledge of latest provisions of law including POCSO, JJ Act, IT Act, etc. To achieve the objective of the training programme, experienced guest speakers including Dr. Kavita Suri, Director, Department of lifelong learning University of Jammu, Kanika Gupta, District Social Welfare officer Udhampur, Ashwani Kumar, Sr.PO district

Court Reasi, Anubhuti, Dy.SP, Cyber Police Station Jammu, Dr. Savita Nayyar, Prof. Department of Law, University of Jammu, Rajesh Bakshi, CPO, Advocate Supriya Chouhan, J&K High Court Jammu, Dr. Aekteshan Hussain, Scientific officer, DNA, FSL J&K and Insp. Isha Mahajan, SHO Women Police Station Udhampur, shared their wide range of knowledge with the participants on different topics.

Sheikh Zulfkar Azad, JKPS, SSP SKPA was Chief Guest on the occasion

of valediction of the course. In his valedictory address, he advised the participants to be sensitive towards women victims and adopting guidelines for the purpose laid from time to time. He further said that the main objective of the course is to enhance the capacity of the investigating officers especially in women related cases. The valediction was also attended faculty of SKPA.

The course was coordinated by Sanjeev Gupta, Inspector assisted ASI Ashok Kumar.

Ram Temple consecration: Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan starts three-day Sunderkand Katha

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SUNDERBANI: On the auspicious occasion of the Sri Ram Mandir congregation, Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan has organized a three-day Sunderkand Katha at New Bus Stand Beri Pattan Sunderbani. On this occasion, Sadvi Sushri Saroj Bharti Ji, a disciple of Shri Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, explained that the Sunderkand was derived from the holy Granth Sri Ramcharit Manas, which is a journey of devotion.

She narrates that after following Shri Ram's command, everyone reaches the shore of the sea. Upon reaching there, Jamvant reminds Hanuman that he is born to serve Lord Rama and possesses immense potential to accomplish any-



Sadvi Sushri Saroj Bharti reciting Sunderkand Katha.

thing. Upon hearing such words, Hanuman embarks on his sea voyage to reach Lanka. Sadvi Ji emphasized that the role of Jamvant is similar to that of a Guru in one's life. When a Guru enters a person's life, they help them realize their true potential and guide them on the path of realizing God.

As Hanuman travels toward

Lanka, he encounters obstacles in the form of Munak Parvat, Sursa, and Sihuka, symbolizing the challenges in a devotee's life such as laziness, desires, jealousy, among others. Sadvi Ji highlighted that a disciple must overcome these obstacles and continue walking on the path of devotion without hindrance. Only then can one reach God. On

this occasion, numerous devotees were present. The programme concluded with the recitation of Arti. The highlights of the event were the devotional songs dedicated to Shri Ram, and the chants praising Lord Rama created a highly spiritual atmosphere. The program concluded with the distribution of Langar Prasad.

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