

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra draws massive crowds across Jammu Division



DC Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav leads Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Gulabgarh.

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KATHUA: The Urban leg of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra recently unfolded in the Municipal limits of MC Billawar, witnessing an overwhelming turnout from diverse sections of the society.

Enthusiastic participants gathered at Uppar Chugaan, where the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van captured the attention of all attendees.

Numerous engaging sessions highlighted different flagship schemes, with attendees having the opportunity to interact and address queries directly with respective department representatives. The event aimed to enhance understanding among prospective beneficiaries and foster a sense of community engagement.

During the event, the Viksit Bharat Pledge was administered, with the presence of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members and Administrative Officers. Departmental stalls received significant footfall, as people eagerly seized the opportunity to learn about what they term an unprecedented holistic empowerment campaign.

One beneficiary, a farmer, expressed satisfaction, deeming the event a great learning experience. The atmosphere was filled with joy when Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) beneficiaries were handed ceremonial keys to their newly constructed houses.

The Yatra echoed the Prime Minister's message of achieving developed status for India by 2047, emphasizing an inclusive approach to carry every citizen along on the nation's developmental journey.

RAJOURI: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is gaining momentum in Rajouri, driving the implementation of various government schemes and bringing about comprehensive development in the district. This initiative aims to transform Rajouri by reaching underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs, thereby improving the lives of its residents.

To effectively communicate and create 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 VBSY has achieved remarkable success in implementing various government schemes in Rajouri District. These schemes, designed to enhance the quality of life and provide essential services, have been executed with exceptional efficiency on the ground. As a result, the community has experienced tangible benefits and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives.

Today, the VBSY IEC vans traveled through the panchayats of Jungrial East, Jungrial West, Malhuria, Treru Upper-A, Kothian-A, Jigni, Bathera and Kharak of Moughla and Kalakote block.

The impact of the Yatra can be seen in improved access to



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra draws massive crowds during urban leg at MC Billawar.

healthcare, education, and basic amenities, as well as the overall progress of Rajouri District. This initiative has been meticulously 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.

RAMBAN: Amid Celebration of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Ramban district is buzzing with festival-like enthusiasm. The district administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, today actively engaged the residents at Ward.no-06 Maitra.

This lively event saw the enthusiastic participation of local residents including prominent citizens.

The government departments set up stalls to showcase welfare schemes, emphasizing their potential benefits.



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra sparks enthusiasm and awareness at Ramban.

Attendees had the pleasure of hearing a pre-recorded video message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, adding a personal touch to the interaction.

Multiple government departments contributed by providing crucial information about schemes aiming to benefit the public.

As a symbolic commitment to national development, all participants took a Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge. To keep the community well-informed, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, including pamphlets and calendars detailing government schemes, were distributed among the residents.

Beyond the informative aspect, the event embraced cultural richness with a captivating program presented by local boys and girls.

This not only entertained the audience but also fostered a sense of community celebration.

An exclusive interaction with Prasar Bharti, under the campaign 'Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani,' allowed beneficiaries to share their experiences, making the government's efforts more relatable to the community.

In the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, this event stands as a testament to the collective commitment towards the district's development and welfare, creating a vibrant atmosphere across Ramban.

KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, accompanied by DDC member Paddar Hari Krishan Chauhan local PRIs and district and sectoral officers actively participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held at Gulabgarh today.

The Yatra, marked by its emphasis on progress and development, garnered participation from 400 individuals residing in adjoining areas. The Yatra commenced with Viksit Bharat Sankalp (pledge) and followed by IEC Van reaching the location and screening of an enlightening message from the Prime Minister, engaging the attendees on key aspects of national development initiatives.

An enlightening feature of the event was the platform 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani,' where beneficiaries shared their success stories, embodying the transformative impact of various

schemes. Their testimonials highlighted the tangible benefits received, echoing the success of implemented programs.

To ensure direct accessibility, stalls were set up by Agriculture and allied sectors besides other departments, offering on-the-spot services to the participants. These stalls not only facilitated interactions but also received and processed 100 filled-in Kisan Credit Card (KCC) application forms, demonstrating the proactive engagement of agriculture field functionaries. The journey was enriched with various departmental stalls strategically positioned along the route,



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at panchayats of block Moughla & Kalakote in Rajouri District.

effectively disseminating leaflets, printed material, and booklets elucidating citizen-centric schemes. This initiative aimed at enlightening the public about government offerings, ensuring easy access to pertinent information on schemes designed for their welfare. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized the importance of such collective endeavors in fostering community development. He lauded the active participation of attendees and the valuable contributions made by the departments and field functionaries in making the event informative and fruitful. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra not only served as a platform for information dissemination but also as a forum fostering community engagement, exchange of ideas, and celebration of success stories. It reaffirmed the commitment to holistic progress and development while empowering citizens through informed participation in government initiatives.

Impressive Nagar Kirtan taken out in Akhnoor to mark Gurupurab celebrations

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AKHNOOR: An impressive 'Nagar-Kirtan' was taken out by the Sikh community on the eve of Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh, 10th Guru of Sikhism, who laid down his own life and sacrificed his father, mother and sons for the sake of humanity and protection of the right cause of community. The Nagar Kirtan was successfully organised under leadership of Ranbir Singh, joint secretary DGPC Jammu and president Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji Gurudwara Akhnoor.

Mohan Lal Bhagat, SSP also paid his obeisance to the great Guru and joined the



Panj Piyare leading the Nagar Kirtan at Akhnoor.

religious procession en-route. The 'Shobha Yatra' started from Daskal Chowk which marched through Nirdosh Chowk, Bus Stand Akhnoor and culminated at Sant Baba

Sunder Singh Gurudwara in Akhnoor.

A large number of people from Hindu community also paid their obeisance to the great Guru and joined the

religious procession. The Sikh youth played Ghatka and performed many feats during the Nagar Kirtan. A large number of devotees were sweeping the roads where the Nagar Kirtan was being taken out. Besides, the stalls with food items, fruits, water and juice had been established by the people from different sections of society at various places to serve the devotees taking part in Nagar Kirtan.

SSP while addressing the gathering greeted people of Jammu & Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Gurpurab. He said that this auspicious occasion would further strengthen brother-

hood, communal harmony, amity and secular traditions and would be a harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Other dignitaries present during the auspicious Nagar Kirtan were Ajit Singh Chairperson All J&K Transport Welfare Association, DGPC President Ranjit Singh Tohra, DGPC Member Gurmeet Singh, Ex- MLA Rajeev Sharma, Surjit Singh President Sant Baba Sunder Singh Tapo Sthan Gurudwara Akhnoor, DDC Bhushan Bral, DySP KD Bhagat, SDPO Mohan Sharma and SHO Akhnoor Zaheer Manhas etc.

Kathua police organises Thana Diwas



Police officer interacting with locals.

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KATHUA: Thana Diwas an initiative of Government of J&K UT to bridge the gap between Police and Public and also to listen and redress the grievances of common masses organised in the jurisdictional area of Police Post Hatli (Industrial

Estates Kathua).

The programme was chaired by DySP Headquarters Kathua accompanied by SHO Kathua, IC PP Hatli along with other police officials. Thana Diwas programme was attended by about 50 people including respectable

persons of Ward No. 13, 14 and 21 took part. During the Programme, participants highlighted various issues of public importance.

The chairing officers gave a patient hearing to the participants and they were assured that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority and that of Civil Administration will be taken up with the concerned departments for their early redressal. Participants were also advised to provide information regarding any illegal activities & were assured that their identity will be kept secret.

Locals of the area thanked Kathua Police for organizing Thana Divas in the area.

Arrangements for Republic Day celebration reviewed in Poonch

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POONCH: Additional District Development Commissioner, Sandesh Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for Republic Day celebration 2024 here at a conference hall of Dak Bunglow Poonch.

During the meeting, the ADDC reviewed the ongoing preparations by different departments.

He also reviewed the arrangements regarding seating, barricading, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, fault free PAS, fire-tenders, Media gallery, among others.

The ADDC directed the concerned executive engineers to ensure adequate arrangements of barricading, seating and drinking

water supply besides uninterrupted power supply on the day of function. He also passed directions to the concerned officers to ensure ambulance and provision of adequate manpower at the venue of the event. He also directed concerned committee to finalize the themes for cultural items at the earliest. The ADDC impressed upon the departmental heads to put in place all the necessary arrangements well in time for the smooth and grand celebrations of the National event.

The meeting was attended by CEO Tourism, Dr.Mohd. Tanveer Khan, PO ICDS, AD FCS&CA Department Poonch, District Information Officer Poonch, Vishal Deep Chandan, DYSSO and Concerned district officers.

DC Rajouri inspects developmental projects during tour of border areas

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RAJOURI: In a proactive move to ensure the holistic development of the border areas in Rajouri district, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat undertook an extensive day-long tour. During the tour, he meticulously assessed the progress of various development projects aimed at enhancing the socio-economic landscape of the region.

The cornerstone of the inspection was the site earmarked for the construction of Government Degree College (GDC) in Doongi. It was informed that a substantial 75 Kanal land has been demarcated and transferred to the Higher Education Department for this purpose. The estimated cost of this ambitious project stands at a commendable 35 crores, underscoring the commitment to fostering educational growth in the area.



DC Om Prakash Bhagat taking stock of dev works at Rajouri.

One of the vital projects under scrutiny was the Water Supply Scheme in SassalKote, approved under the Jal Jeevan Mission. With an estimated cost of Rs 3.4 crore, this initiative is anticipated to benefit around 500 individuals upon completion by March 31, 2024. Similarly, the examination of the Water Supply Scheme at Pukhrani, also sanctioned under the Jal Jeevan Mission, revealed a project with an estimated cost of Rs 979.77 lacs, aimed at benefiting 3776 souls upon successful implementa-

tion. He also inspected the progress on the water supply scheme at Rajpur Kamila sanctioned under JJM.

Highlighting the importance of sustainable agricultural practices, the Deputy Commissioner visited the agricultural field of a progressive farmer in SasalKote village. This farmer is engaged in diverse activities such as mushroom cultivation, horticulture, floriculture, and organic farming, showcasing a commitment to innovative and eco-friendly agricultural practices.

During the tour, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat directed the concerned officers to prioritize the timely and high-quality completion of all ongoing development projects in the district. This underscores the dedication of the administration to delivering tangible and positive outcomes for the local populace.

A poignant aspect of the tour was the visit to the revered Shrine of Veervadeshwar, where the Deputy Commissioner offered prayers for the peace, prosperity, and progress of the region. This gesture reflects the holistic approach of the administration, acknowledging the cultural and spiritual fabric integral to the community.

In Laroka and Rajpur Bhatta Panchayats of block Qila Darhal, the Deputy Commissioner engaged with the PRI members and general public who voiced several crucial issues and demands for their respective areas. These

included calls for improved road connectivity, upgradation of water and power infrastructure, and the provision of adequate staff in educational and health institutions.

Demonstrating an empathetic stance, the DC assured that all their genuine concerns would be redressed on a priority basis.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Shaheed Ghar at Qila Darhal where he paid rich tributes to the martyrs of 1947 who sacrificed their lives while defending the Fort against Pakistani intruders. He urged the civilians to carry forward the legacy of these great warriors. "Our freedom fighters sacrificed their lives for us and we shouldn't let that sacrifice go to waste. We need to respect their contribution and seriously fulfill our responsibilities towards the country", the DC maintained.

During the visit to Raj Pur Qila Darhal, Deputy

Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat actively contributed to environmental conservation by planting saplings of almond and mausami, emphasizing the significance of sustainable practices for a greener future in Rajouri district.

This comprehensive tour and inspection underscore the commitment of the administration to the well-being and progress of the residents of Rajouri district, reflecting a holistic approach to development and governance. Officers who accompanied the DC during his visit were DFO Nowshera, Sateyendra Maurya; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; SE PDD, Sadiq Azad; CAO, Sohan Singh; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; DSWO, Abdul Rahim; XEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; XEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Bipin Kumar, along with other district and sectoral officers.

PYS organises cultural programme

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UDHAMPUR: Progressive Youth Society (Regd.) Rannagar District Udhampur (J&K) organized a Cultural Programme in collaboration with Ministry of Culture (Govt. of India) under repertory grant in which Smt.

Sunita Sharma Principal Everest Public High School Chari-Swail (Near Railway Station) Udhampur was the Chief Guest whereas eminent lyricist, poet and writer Ramesh 'Rahi' was the guest of honour at this occasion.

The programme started with welcome address by Sh. Manoj Kumar Sharma 'Nishchint' President Progressive Youth Society followed by compering of O.P. 'Deepak'. Artist/Singer Ashok Kumar and Party from village Thathi presented melodious dogri songs before the audience which were highly appreciated.

Dance group led by Ashu Sharma& Comprising of Anadiya Gupta,

TanushreeSharma, Sarika, Shradha, Vidhehi, &Shambhavi presented folk dances of duggar and enthralled the audience. Ramesh 'Rahi' appreciated the efforts of Progressive Youth Society to showcase rich traditional culture of duggar. During the programme, Leela Devi Memorial Award 2023 was conferred upon Ramesh 'Rahi' in which a shawl, memento and certificate was given. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Uttam Singh 'Albela' member of P.Y.S. The prominent persons among others were M/s Pintu, Sham Lal Sharma, Bishan Sharma & AshuSharma.

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UDHAMPUR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), announced the formation of Block Jaganoo in Udhampur district. The constitution took place in the presence of prominent party leaders including District President Sunil Verma, District Secretary Capt Pavitar Singh, District President Ex-Servicemen Cell Capt. Balbir Singh, Ch Farooq Mohd Khatana and Sr. Youth Leader Akash Verma.

The newly formed cell comprises a dedicated team com-

J&K National Conference constitutes Block Jaganoo Committee



NC leaders along with new entrants of party at Udhampur.

mitted to representing and addressing the concerns of general public. The appointed members included Subash Chander Sharma as Block President, Hans Raj Thakur

as Vice President, Ch. Shamasdin as Block Secretary & Block President ST Cell along with Ch. Farman Ali as Joint Secretary, Ch Chattu as

Block Secretary ST Cell Gujjar Bakkarwal.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Verma, District President JKNC Udhampur urged the newly appointed

members to work diligently and strengthen the hands of party leaders Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. He expressed his hope that the newly constituted Committee will play a vital role in promoting the party's vision and policies within the district. "The formation of Block Jaganoo Committee signifies the Party's commitment to inclusivity and social justice. It is expected that the dedicated team will work towards addressing people's issues at grass roots level and will also work for strengthening the base of the Party," he added.

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