

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continue with resounding success



Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Sheetal Nanda handing over motorised tricycles to beneficiaries at Kathua and glimpses of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Basohli and Akhnoor.

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KATHUA: As part of government's ambitious initiative "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda visited Basantpur panchayat and participated in various events besides assessing issues and concerns of locals.

Commissioner Secretary chaired the main event held under VBSY at Government Higher Secondary School Basantpur wherein she interacted with the students, teachers, and locals.

She said that the initiative is aimed to educate the residents of Basantpur Panchayat about the government schemes and programmes. She highlighted various schemes being launched by the government for socio economic empowerment of people.

"The progress achieved in Kathua district under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is appreciably commendable," Commissioner Secretary asserted. She emphasised the need of collective efforts by all stakeholders to promote development and empowerment at the grassroots level.

Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas, apprised that as of now 120 panchayats of the district have been covered by the IEC Vans under VBSY benefitting around 1.15 lakh

people through awareness generation regarding various flagship schemes of the government.

On the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary handed over 09 Motorised Tricycles, Baby Kits, Ayushman Cards to the beneficiaries. Besides, Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge was also administered to the participants.

Vice Chairman DDC, Kathua, Raghunadan Singh, ACD besides other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Van traversed through the panchayats of Badhoon-A, Badhoon-B, Dali-A, Dali-B, Dhangri Upper, Dalvota-B, Dalvota-A in Dhangri and Kalakote blocks of Rajouri District.

The VBSY IEC vans also traveled through the panchayats of Ujhan-D, Lower Dodaj-A, Plangarh, Lah, Kote Bahrote, Gambhir Muglan and Deri Dhara of block Darhal, Plangarh and Manjakote.

UDHAMPUR: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra made a resounding impact as it journeyed through 10 Panchayats in Udhampur district under the vigilant guidance of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai. The day unfolded with the arrival of the IEC Van,

setting the stage for an inaugural movie screening and the administration of the Viksit Bharat Pledge, embraced with enthusiasm by participants in these Panchayats.

Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur also organized "Pledge taking ceremony" under Viksit Bharat @2047" for the students and Faculty.

The event was organised under the patronage of the College Prof Anjali Mahajan and guidance of Dr. Sanjeet Kaur, Convenor, Viksit Bharat @2047 Committee.

Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Mahajan in her message, highlighted the importance of the theme- "Viksit Bharat @2047" in the development of the nation and the role of students in upcoming years.

The programme was coordinated by Rachna Bharti, Pardeep Singh, Ruksana Kousar, Shama Rani, Dr. Parvinder Kour and Yash Kumar, members for the committee on "Viksit Bharat @2047." The programme concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Shivani Suri.

On the 23rd day, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra maintains its spirited momentum, extending its influence to encompass an additional 10 Panchayats.

Under the guidance of

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, the IEC Vans received an exuberant reception from PRIs, senior citizens, youth, and local residents upon their arrival in the 10 Panchayats-Sarar, Jig Gasand, Marta, Marta Bassi, Sunari, Hartryan, Bhugtrian, Chanunta, Pathwar, Motto.

RAMBAN: In a resounding success, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, steered under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, continued its impactful journey through Ramban district, covering 116 panchayats and 3 municipalities, including Ramban, Banihal, and Batote.

The recent leg of the Yatra unfolded in Sangaldan block, where four additional panchayats experienced overwhelming participation from individuals actively engaged in the Yatra's diverse activities and service delivery initiatives. Noteworthy figures, including Chairperson District Development Council Dr. Shamshad Shan, SDM Gool Tanveer-ul-Majid, and BDO Sangaldan Anmol, joined the procession at Suranda in Panchayat Thatharka-A, witnessing major involvement from Members of PRIs, locals, and field functionaries from various departments.

DANSAL: To spread awareness about government initia-

tives and promote development, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra entered panchayat Churta of block Dansal in the district.

A specially decorated VBSY Van was warmly welcomed by Panchayat members, SWA-GAT Committee representatives, PRI officials, prominent figures of the Panchayat, and dignitaries including the Principal of Higher Secondary School Dansal and officers from several departments.

REASI: As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra's "Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani" initiative, beneficiaries across various panchayats in Reasi district have come forward to share their transformative experiences with diverse government schemes. The testimonials highlight the impact of initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Ayushman Card, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), and Online Services.

The van traversed through Aghar Ballian, Panassa, Sarh Upper A, Bathoie A, Salalkote, Salal Kotli, and Talwara lower, bringing together communities for a transformative experience.

At Aghar Ballian Panchayat, Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Abdul Star graced the occasion as the chief guest. The event featured a dynamic program,

including the screening of a recorded message from the Prime Minister and "Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani," where beneficiaries shared their success stories from various schemes.

BASOHLI: The vibrant spirit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative vision reverberated through the villages of Madrakhi, Preya, Marta Nagrota, and Plassi in Basohli, Kathua, as Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman, led the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. This comprehensive outreach initiative witnessed residents across age groups actively engaging with officials and embracing the Sankalp (Panch Parans) oath, marking a deep commitment to collective development.

KATHUA: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a transformative nationwide initiative, is amplifying hope and driving change from within the Kathua District. By fostering a sense of empowerment and promoting community-driven progress, VBSY is igniting a wave of transformative actions and opportunities.

DODA: In a lively celebration, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra left an enduring impression on residents of Gadather -A and Ludna Panchayats in Block Gundna. The Yatra commenced with

the arrival of the IBC Van, setting the stage for an informative and engaging session.

Mountainous District Doda continues to experience the spirit of transformation as Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra spans across Dali Udhaynpur Bhellessa, and Gundna areas.

Making its mark in Bagla, Bharat-A, Gadather-A, Ludna, Kharangal and Bhargi Panchayats, the yatra was greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm by the public.

KISHTWAR: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) reached a significant milestone in Kishtwar District by completing coverage of 116 connected Panchayats in District Kishtwar today.

The role of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav along with Block Level and panchayat level field functionaries along with PRIs was pivotal throughout the journey of the VBSY in the district.

MIRANSABIB: As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a special van reached Panchayat Phinder Block Miran Sahib today amid a warm welcome by the members of the Swagat Committee and PRIs led by Vidya Motan, DDC member Miran Sahib and Prof Garu Ram DDC member RS PURA.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Kishtwar district echoed with resounding success tales of the young beneficiaries.

Amidst the narratives of triumph, Tazeem Ahmed Batt, hailing from Bhatta Panchayat in Block Mughal Maidan, Kishtwar stepped into the limelight when he shared his inspiring journey on the Meri Kahani Meri Zubani platform.

Tazeem Ahmed Batt's entrepreneurial voyage began with a dream and a desire for financial independence. Learning about the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme, Tazeem found hope. He discovered the Credit Linked Subsidy schemes under PMEGP, which became the pivotal point for his aspirations.

AKHNOOR: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been started in MC Akhnoor from Dec 12 covering all the 13 wards of MC Akhnoor on 19th of this month. Different departments are participating and providing services to the general public in the camp. In this connection, a function was organised by the MC Akhnoor under the guidance of Executive officer Akhnoor Rupinder Kour, Chief Guest Vidya Sagar Naib Tehsildar Akhnoor and TSO Pardeep Balgotra graced the occasion.

Ch Manmohan urges Jats to unite for community rights, development

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NOWSHERA: The All India Jat Maha Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir (AIJMS) on Monday urged the Central Government to fulfill its commitment of granting Other Backward Class (OBC) status to the Jat community residing in the border areas of Jammu region. The Sabha also demanded ownership rights for custodian land that Jat community members have cultivated for over 60 years.

The demands were voiced at a daylong Jat Maha Sammelan held in Nowshera, in which Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS and former Mayor, was the Chief Guest. The event saw prominent figures like Sub. Gian Chand Mentor, President Ch Koshal, Chairman AIJMS Col R L Gangaal, Youth President Ajay Choudhary, General Secretary Bindu Choudhary, Ritesh Choudhary, Ch Varinder Chohan, Sarpanch Anita Choudhary, Sarpanch



President AIJMS Ch Manmohan Singh and others during Jat Maha Sammelan at Nowshera.

Romesh Choudhary, Sarpanch Bhadrur Nath Choudhary, Balbir Choudhary, Roshan Choudhary, Dwarka Choudhary, Babloo Choudhary, Rajesh Choudhary, Rattan Choudhary, Yash Choudhary, Narain Choudhary, youth leader Sd. Ranjit Singh Goldi, Sd Amanjeet Singh President Kashmir AIJMS Unit participated and reiterated the community's longstanding demands.

Addressing the gathering, Ch Manmohan Singh high-

lighted the extensive efforts of Jat Maha Sabha has undertaken through rallies and Sammelans for getting OBC status and ownership rights of custodian land provided to the members of Jat community land at the time of their migration. He said that the lack of ownership rights for custodian land in possession of Jats for generations was a serious concern.

Ch Manmohan Singh urged the government to find a solution that safeguards the community's land rights. He warned that the Jat commu-

nity could take action against the government in the upcoming elections if their concerns remain unaddressed.

In a powerful address echoing through the Nowshera Sammelan, Ch Manmohan Singh rallied the community with a stark message: Unity is the bedrock of their success. He declared, "Only through unwavering solidarity can we secure the OBC status we deserve and reclaim the ownership rights of our lands held for generations!"

Ch Manmohan Singh encouraged the community members to prioritize education for their children, ensuring their future success in a competitive environment. He asked the community's youth to respect their elders who tirelessly strive to provide them better education for their bright future.

Col. Roshan Lal, another speaker, showcased AIJMS' commitment to community support. He lauded the

Sabha's efforts in assisting victims like Rajat, a young man who lost his hand in a blast and received crucial medical treatment by Dr Amandeep Singh at Amandeep Hospital Amritsar and accommodation in Amritsar with AIJMS' support. He mentioned that Ch Manmohan Singh has provide a financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh to Rajat family for the medical treatment.

Similarly, Ajay Choudhary, Youth President of Nowshera, acknowledged the Sabha's financial assistance provided to Mahindra Lal for his medical treatment after a severe injury due to HT wires. He mentioned that the Jat Maha Sabha has provided an amount of Rs 4 lakhs to the family for the medical treatment.

The Sammelan concluded with a call for unity and continued pursuit of the Jats' rightful claims.

Later, Ch Manmohan Singh also released the calendar of Dhanna Jat and assured full support in constructing the temple of Dhanna Jat as per the wishes of the community members.

Unlocking Adventure: DC Doda inaugurates River Rafting event at Premnagar's Shibnote



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh along with SSP Abdul Qayoom inaugurating river rafting event.

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DODA: To harness the untapped potential of adventure tourism in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh, along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, on Monday inaugurated a river rafting event at Shibnote (Premnagar). The exciting initiative aims to draw adventure seekers and spotlight the region as a thrilling destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Shibnote, nestled in Premnagar on banks of River Chenab, boasts a fast-flowing waterway and stunning natu-

ral beauty, making it an ideal spot for river rafting. The crystal-clear waters and captivating surroundings have been luring tourists from across the country. The newly introduced adventure rafting facility is set to tap into the area's untapped potential, contributing to the growth of tourism in the District.

Expressing optimism about the future of adventure tourism, DC Harvinder Singh conveyed gratitude to everyone involved in the tourism sector, especially in organising the Rafting adventure at Shibnote. He highlighted the

vast scope for adventure sports activities in the district, emphasizing the district administration's commitment to promoting tourism. Singh revealed exciting plans for a mega winter carnival in Bhaderwah, organized by the district administration, as part of ongoing efforts to enhance tourism.

As a precursor to the upcoming winter festival celebration, events like rafting in Shibnote are becoming integral to showcasing the district's adventure offerings. The inauguration marked a significant step towards positioning Premnagar as a hub for not only picturesque landscapes but also thrilling adventures.

Welcoming all adventure enthusiasts, DC Harvinder Singh urged tourists and locals to explore the region's potential for outdoor activities. He promised continuous support for such initiatives, ensuring a promising future for adventure tourism in the District. The upcoming winter carnival in Bhaderwah is poised to further amplify the district's appeal, creating a vibrant tapestry of cultural and adventure experiences for visitors.

DPAP reiterates demand for job, land rights to domiciles of J&K

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KATHUA: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has reiterated the demand for land and job rights for domiciles of Jammu and Kashmir.

Explaining the charter of demands which DPAP says is core issue for the party and its chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad, "it's a legitimate call for having such rights which people of other states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and North eastern states have in order to protect basic rights there."

In a unanimous call by DPAP leaders, senior leaders including Vice-Chairman



DPAP Vice-Chairman GM Saroori and other leaders along with new entrants of party.

GM Saroori, General Secretary RS Chib, Provincial President Jugal Kishore Sharma, Vice President Jammu Province Subash Gupta and President SC Cell Om Prakash Bhal and others enumerated reasons for such demand.

"Our rights for the jobs and land guarantee for the local population will continue. Our people have suffered badly after 2019 and it was Ghulam Nabi Azad who as leader of opposition raised the voice for Jammu and Kashmir," said Saroori addressing a public meeting here where a large number of people, including women attended it.

Addressing the meeting, DPAP General Secretary RS Chib recalled the short tenure of GN Azad which he termed as golden period during which Jammu and Kashmir overall development

The creation of new districts, sub-divisions, tehsils, niabats, blocks and medical colleges and overall developmental impetus was witnessed in two and half years of Ghulam Nabi Azad as chief minister," Chib said at the meeting organised by Arjun Singh, General Secretary, district committee and prominent leaders. Those who organised and attended the event includes

senior leader Devinder Singh Bindoo, state secretary Aradhana Andotra, Zonal Vice President Parveen Bhagat, Secretary Kathua (Urban) Surjit Singh, youth leader Gagan Deep Singh, Sarpanches Rakesh Thakur and Raj Singh, senior leader Chaudhary Ashraf Ali and district secretary Purshtam Sharma.

Stressing on the role of DPAP in highlighting people's issues, Jugal Kishore Sharma urged party members to reach out to all at grassroots level. "It was DPAP's protests on roads which forced UT administration to stop harsh measures like forced eviction, curtailment of ration, imposition of property tax and other issues and the party remains firm in highlighting people's issues," Sharma affirmed.

The party workers including a large number those who joined the party pledged commitment to DPAP's developmental plank under the leadership of GN Azad.

Dr. Jagjeet Singh elected as Staff Secretary, GDC Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The staff of Government Degree College Udhampur elected Dr. Jagjeet Singh, the senior faculty from Department of Chemistry as the Staff Secretary in the recently conducted election for the staff secretary for the session 2023-24. The Election Commission of the college was constituted in which Prof. BabuLal Thakur (Sr. Associate Professor and Head of Department of Education,) was the Chairperson, while Prof. ShobhnaSamyal (Associate Prof. and HOD Zoology) and Dr. Ashok Kumar(Associate Prof. and HOD Mathematics) were the members. In the Election on the Spot, the Nomination of Dr. Jagjeet Singh was proposed by Dr. Sunil Kumar Bhat, HOD Chemistry and seconded by Prof. Rajesh Manhas from Department of Geology. Post this, the Entire staff present unanimously elected Dr.

Jagjeet Singh as staff secretary in one voice. The Chief election commissioner Prof BabuLal Thakur, in presence of both the members of Election Commission formally declared Dr. Jagjeet as Unanimous winner. Dr. Jagjeet Singh thanked all the members of the teaching fraternity to show confidence in him and elect him unanimously. He specially thanked Prof. BabuLal Thakur and all the members of the Election Commission for their impeccable and transparent role in the conduct of entire election process.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta congratulated the newly elected staff secretary and hoped that his leadership and his past experience of being staff secretary at GGM Science College as well as his working in the former CTA, in the Coordination committees of Higher Education Department will help the staff and the college to gain new heights.

Sarpanch Sanjeev Kumar listens to public issues



Sanjeev Kumar Mangu Sarpanch Sagote Block calling on XEn PWD Kalakote Aftab Anwar Mirza.

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KALAKOTE: Sanjeev Kumar Mangu Sarpanch Sagote Block Dhangri Rajouri Toured far-flung areas of Kalakote, met several people and listened to the problems faced by them. People apprised him various issues which include road connectivity, Power crisis, Jal Jevan Mission and works of RDD. Mangu thanked PM

Narendra Modi, LG Manoj Shina, Atul Dulloo CS J&K for launching the schemes like Jal Jevan Mission, road connectivity for rural areas, health facilities.

He also met with XEN PWD Kalakote Aftab Anwar Mirza and discussed Roads under PWD of Block Dhangri and appreciate the Development under Vikas Kundal District Development Commissioner.

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