

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra demonstrates collective commitment towards holistic rural development

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KATHUA: In a resounding display of community engage-



Transport Commissioner participates in Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Ramban.

ment and empowerment, Chairman DDC Mahan Singh led a pivotal awareness camp during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Panchayat Plahi in Basohli. The event witnessed the presence of Sarpanch Poli Devi and a large number of enthusiastic locals, underscoring a collective commitment towards holistic rural development.

The event, presided over by Chairman DDC Mahan Singh, marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of comprehensive progress across rural India. With an unwavering focus on awareness and education, the camp served as a platform to advocate and amplify the visionary message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the Viksit Bharat

Sankalp Yatra.

RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) visited the Panchayats of Darhal, Thanamandi, and Manjakote blocks of the Border District Rajouri. The VBSY IEC vans traveled through the Panchayats of Lower Dodaj-B, Lower Dodaj-C, Upper Dodaj-A, Upper Dodaj-B, Leeran, Malhut, Karyote, Dreari, and Deri Ralyote Lower of Darhal, Thanamandi, and Manjakote blocks.

SAMBA: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra made a resplendent mark at Ward Vijaypur, in presence of DDC Chairman Keshav Dutt Sharma and senior political leader Ravinder



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra connects underserved population to public services in Reasi District.

Raina.

RAMBAN: Transport Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir, Rahul Sharma participated in the Viksit Bharat



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra empowers communities across Darhal, Thanamandi & Manjakote blocks.

Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) at Dharam in Ramban District, encouraging public engagement in the developmental process. The Yatra, covering 116 panchayats in the district, witnessed a successful leg as it reached Panchayat Dharam under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary. SDM Gool, Tanveer-Ul-Majid, CMO, ACD Ashok Katoch, Dr. Kamal Zadu, ARTO Saminder Singh, BDO Gundi-Dharam, Tanzeel Runyal, and other officers graced the occasion. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues to be a catalyst for positive change, fostering awareness and community engagement.

REASI: To cover a maximum number of beneficiaries of several Central Government schemes by reaching them directly, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Van today reached 6

panchayat of Bhabar Brhamana, Dera Baba Banda, Mahore, Mahore lower, Bidda and Talwara Upper of Reasi district.

DANSAL: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra reached Block Headquarter Dansal to raise awareness among locals about government schemes and fostering national integration.

Joni Kumar, Block Development Officer Dansal, led the VBSY Van to the event, where it was welcomed with a shower of flower petals. M.K. Bhat, Zonal Incharge Cultural Cell, Chandrashekhar Sharma, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Manzoor Ahmed, Block Medical Officer,



DDC Chairman Keshav Dutt Sharma and BJP Chief Ravinder Raina participates in Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Vijaypur.

Rambhreshwar Singh Jamwal, Child Development Project Officer, and members of the Rural Development Department, including Jaffar Mustafa (Nodal Officer), were among the guests.

Under Modi Govt, J&K seen unprecedented development: Ravinder Raina



BJP Chief Ravinder Raina and others taking pledge during the event at Vijaypur.

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VIJAYPUR: Under the Narendra Modi government, Jammu & Kashmir has seen unprecedented development in last about ten years, said Ravinder Raina.

Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir was addressing large gathering of people in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' programme conducted at Vijaypur; Samba.

DDC Chairperson Keshav Dutt, former Vijaypur Committee Presidents Ganesh & Deepak, Mandal President

Ajay, Yatra District Incharge Jai Sharma, ADDC, SDM, EO, Tehsildar, BDO, TO and others were amongst the prominent present in the programme.

Ravinder Raina, while speaking in the programme, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has served the people of this nation for about 10 years. During these years, a large number of welfare schemes have been launched and the people of Jammu & Kashmir, availed benefits of the same, like other citizens in the country. The development in all the

corners of J&K, as seen today, is due to the dedication and efforts of Modi government. The PM is working on the line of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas since day one and treated every one equal in all matters and at all levels. Every rural and urban dweller; Hindus Muslims, Sikhs and Christians have been the beneficiary of the welfare schemes. We thank PM Modi for these actions of giving benefits to every needy, poor, in the country, he said.

Ravinder Raina also expressed gratitude to the government officials of different departments for showcasing varied culture and development projects through various stalls and also organizing number of colourful cultural events to attract the attention of the masses.

The BJP President also administered oath to the gathering for contributing in making India most developed nation in near future.

Sadhotra terms NC as natural destination for public spirited activists

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KATHUA: National Conference Additional General Secretary and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Tuesday called for building a future that embraces diversity and ensures prosperity for all sections of society across Jammu and Kashmir.

Welcoming S Pardeep Singh Sarpanch of Lachipura Panchayat in the party fold at a special function held here at Lachipura Kathua, Sadhotra said such an enabling atmosphere can only be created by the National Conference that stands committed to inclusive growth, development and progress of all the regions and sub-regions, irrespective of religion and caste. The Additional General Secretary said that realization is fast dawning upon progressive, forward looking and peace-loving people to isolate divisive forces like the BJP and work for strengthening the bonds of amity and brotherhood in a pluralistic Region of



Additional General Secretary JKNC Ajay Kumar Sadhotra with newly joined members.

the Country like Jammu and Kashmir.

"The people are disgusted and dejected with BJP for believing in politics of hate and understand that reactionary political pursuits can only lead to chaos and crisis,

which the country is currently witnessing", Sadhotra said.

Referring to the joining of hundreds of prominent persons along with Sarpanch Pardeep Singh into the party fold, Sadhotra said that

National Conference is the only and natural choice for public spirited-activists because of its pro-people agenda, secular credentials and commitment to maintaining and preserving singular entity of Jammu and Kashmir.

He recalled the services of late Giani Ishar Singh Ji's contribution towards the society. He said those joining the National Conference will feel a fresh breeze of inclusiveness, togetherness and camaraderie, which can't be fort of any other political party. He hoped that joining of right thinking people will not only strengthen the National Conference but also generate an atmosphere of trust and

confidence in the society.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mohd Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretary, Surjit Singh Manhas Provincial Joint Secretary, Ajit Kumar Seth and Sham Narayan Mehta District Presidents Kathua, Madam Satwant Kour Provincial Women Wing President, Laxmi Dutta Former Women Wing President, K K Bakshi Senior Vice President Kathua, Dharam Pal Kundal District Vice President, Randhir Singh Chib, S Charanjit Singh, Shakeel Tony, S Harjeet Singh Senior leader Kathua, Prem Kumar, Sohan Singh, Raj Kumar Block President and others.

Ex-MP filed Contempt Petition alleging violation of SC guidelines regarding Arrest/Detention HC issues notice to SHO P/S, Pir Mitha, Jammu

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JAMMU: In a major development, a Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) comprising Justice Puneet Gupta has issued notice to Rashid Choudhary, SHO, Police Station, Pir Mitha, Jammu in a contempt petition filed by Ex-MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman seeking initiation of Contempt of Court proceedings against the said SHO for his willful/intentional defiance of the judgment dated December 18th, 1996 passed by the Supreme Court wherein the Supreme Court has laid down more than 10 Guidelines to be followed by all the Police Officers while arresting/detaining a citizen including preparation of a Arrest Memo and informing the Arrestee/Detenu about the grounds of Arrest/Detention.

After hearing Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed

appearing for the petitioner Sheikh Abdul Rehman, the court has directed SHO, P/S Pir Mitha, Jammu to file his statement of facts by or before the next date of hearing.

In the contempt petition, the petitioner who is 91 years of age has submitted that it was on October 20th, 2023 at about 10:30 PM when he was about to sleep, the SHO of P/S Pir Mitha, Jammu along with a contingent of Police directed him to get up as he is to be taken to Pir Mitha Police Station. The petitioner and his family members repeatedly requested the SHO, P/S Pir Mitha, Jammu to disclose the grounds of Arrest/Detention and on what basis at late night the petitioner who is suffering from several ailments and a senior politician is being taken to Police Station when he is not involved in the commission of any offence.

The Former Member of

Parliament has further alleged in the Contempt Petition that the SHO, P/S Pir Mitha, Jammu failed to disclose the grounds of arrest and the petitioner had no option except to obey the illegal orders of the SHO concerned. The petitioner has further stated in the petition that even at Police Station, Pir Mitha, requests were made to the SHO to disclose him or his family members the grounds of his arrest/detention but the SHO exhibited disrespectful conduct towards the petitioner and did not answer his questions and kept on avoiding him and was mostly talking on his mobile.

The petitioner had never expected such brazen abuse of power from a custodian of law who without informing him about his grounds of arrest violated the guidelines of the Apex Court regarding arrest/detention issued way

back in the year, 1996 with impunity.

Needless to mention herein, that Supreme Court on December 18th, 1996 delivered a landmark judgment titled D.K. Basu & Anr: V/S State of West Bengal & Anr: wherein the Supreme Court looking into rise in cases of illegal arrest/custodial torture laid down more than 10 Guidelines to be followed by all the Police Officers throughout the Country in all cases of arrest or detention and the Supreme Court in the said judgment also ruled that failure to comply with the guidelines will render the concerned official liable for departmental action and also liable to be punished for Contempt of Court and the proceedings for Contempt of Court may be instituted in any High Court of the Country having territorial jurisdiction over the matter.

BJP's 'Bharat Vikas Sankalp Yatra' a flop show, game plan to mislead people: Rattan Lal

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JAMMU: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC has strongly criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its Bharat Vikas Sankalp Yatra terming it as a big flop show. He said that BJP is only launching such programmes to create false narratives and mislead the people by deviating their attention from the basic issues which it has miserably failed to address.

In a statement issued to media here on Tuesday, the senior National Conference leader accused the BJP of coming up with new ideas with the sole motive of promoting the Saffron Party, least bothering about the common people of this nation.

He said the leaders of BJP are living in a fools' paradise thinking that it will be fool the people in the name of development (Vikas) but people fully realize that they committed a blunder by voting Saffron to power. They are waiting for the elections to take place in 2024 when they will show the door to this party and its governance.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that carrying out events in the name of development is an essential part of BJP's crooked game plan to deceive the people in order to stay in

power and Jammu and Kashmir bears testimony to this.

He said that the people of this Union Territory are the worst victim of BJP's betrayal with people here left to fend for themselves even for the very basic amenities.

He said it is an irony that tall claims are being made regarding unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir but the ground situation speaks the contrary.

While referring to 'Bharat Vikas Sankalp Yatra', he said that BJP has been conducting similar programmes like 'Back to Village', 'My Town My Pride, etc earlier too but since these programmes failed to garner public support it now shifted to yet another programme.

He said that in all the aforesaid earlier programmes the issues highlighted by public during such

events remain unsolved even today. Questioning BJP's claims on development the senior NC leader asked why today there are unsafe school buildings, health centres without doctors, damaged roads and shortage of power, drinking water, unemployment, inflation of rates and imposition of heavy burden of taxes by local bodies including the property tax on the people of UT.

Moreover, the students and employees continue to be on roads for their quite genuine rights, he added. He asserted that BJP has miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the common people in J&K.

Rattan Lal Gupta while cautioning the people not to get led away by the misleading statements and such flop events conducted by BJP sought their support to National Conference in the

Assembly elections whenever these are held in J&K. He said that only National Conference is capable of providing good governance to the people.

NC nominates office bearers District Rajouri Rural in Nowshera Constituency

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JAMMU: Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Jammu Province, Rattan Lal Gupta has nominated the office bearers District Rajouri Rural in Nowshera Constituency on the recommendations of Surinder Choudhary, Central Secretary and former MLC.

Sunil Choudhary has been nominated as Block President Nowshera, Chotu Ram Choudhary as Vice

President Jammu Province Kissan Cell, Mohinder Sudan as Vice President Pir Panjal Zone and Rajesh Gupta as City President Nowshera.

Rattan Lal Gupta congratulated newly nominated Office bearers and hoped that office bearers will reach to the gross root level workers to mitigate the sufferings of the people in their respective areas and strengthen the party units to face forthcoming challenges.

DPAP gears up for mega rally of Azad at RS Pura on 23 Dec

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JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party leaders have asked its workers in RS Pura to reach out to the people and ensure massive participation in the upcoming public rally of party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad. The party General Secretary RS Chib while addressing his workers of suchetgarh constituency in support of the R.S Pura rally said that former CM & Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad is scheduled to address a rally on December 23. We are expecting a massive participation of people in the rally, which is organised by Ch Gharu Ram. Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad will be addressing this historic rally at RS Pura constituency," he said. Chib asked his workers to reach out to the people at grassroots and ensure maximum participation of people. He said hundreds of party workers are already on job and preparing for this mega political activity. Hoping that people from all walks of life are joining the rally, Chib said that the people of the area remember the golden era of development during the tenure of Azad as Chief minister in the erstwhile State. Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori said, DPAP led by Azad is committed to fight and



DPAP leaders during workers meeting at Suchetgarh.

secure the jobs and land rights of the people of J&K. He said once they form the government, they will ensure the laws are strengthened to ensure the resources especially lands and jobs are secured for local people only. "We have no other option other than to fight for the security of government jobs and lands which are our

primary resources to run our economy. After Article 370 abrogation and the Supreme Court ruling to uphold the August 5,2019 decision, the laws are very fragile and weak to protect our resources and assets," he said. He promised that under the leadership of Azad, the party will take it as a primary and serious issue in

the interests of people. "Azad is very concerned for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and their rights. That is why he is popular and acceptable in both the regions." On the occasion, the party also opened the block office at Suchetgarh. The office was inaugurated by vice chairman GM Saroori. The others who were present on the occasion are Provincial President Jugal Kishore Sharma, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal President Ch Gharu Ram, Sobat Ali Gen Secretary Province ST Wing, Vishal Chopra Gen Secretary province, Balbir Singh Distt President, Ashok Bhagat Distt President, Kulwant Singh Gen Secretary Province, Block president Ranjit Singh and others.

2 Indian women held at IGI Airport with over Rs 4-crore banned Agarwood

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NEW DELHI: Two Bangkok-bound Indian women were apprehended by the CISF personnel at the Delhi airport on Tuesday for allegedly trying to smuggle banned Agarwood worth more than Rs 4 crore, officials said.

The passengers were intercepted by the personnel around 1 pm at the terminal-III of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport when they were going through security checks before boarding an Air India flight. A total of 93 kgs of Agarwood chips were allegedly recovered from three trolley bags of

the two women and they had no valid documents to carry the stuff, a senior Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) officer said.

The women were handed over to the Customs authorities and the consignment is estimated to be worth Rs 4.65 crore, the CISF officer said. Trade in Agarwood, used for making perfume, is banned as it is listed under the Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). As per TRAF-PIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network and an

NGO working globally on trade in wild animals, Agarwood is among the world's most commercially valuable plant species.

"The species is exploited for its valuable aromatic heartwood, a source of agar oil also known as 'oudh/agaru', the most preferred raw materials in perfumery and traditional medicines. Agarwood has been overexploited throughout its range for its fragrant heartwood, threatening its population. It continues to be traded in significant quantities to and from India," it said on its website.

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Present:- Shama Sharma
Kamal Kour W/o Lovejit Singh W/o Sikander Singh R/o Kollji Arjun Near Gurudwara Sahib, Tehsil R. S Pura District Jammu. A/P H. No. 51 Sector-1, Sanjay Nagar, Jammu. (Complainant)
Versus
Lovejit Singh S/o Kirpal R/o H. No. 195, W No 8, Police Quarters, Tehsil R.S. Pura District Jammu. (Respondent)
In the matter of:-
Application u/s 12 of protection of woman from Domestic Violence Act 2005.
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the applicant has filed the above titled petition u/s 12 of protection of women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.
Therefore, through the medium of this proclamation Mr. Lovejit Singh S/o Kirpal Singh R/o H. No. 195, W No 6, Police Quarters, Tehsil R.S. Pura District Jammu is hereby informed that a petition 12 of Protection of woman from Domestic Violence Act 2005 on the grounds enumerated in the petition.
As such, you are asked to appear before this Court on 15.12.2023 at 10.00 a.m, either in person or through the Advocate to answer the petition, if any, failing which, the matter shall be heard and order warranted under law shall follow. In case of holiday on the above said date, the matter shall be taken up on the next working day.
Issued under my hand and seal of this Court today on 07-12-2023.
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