

VBSY: Pr Secy Housing joins multifarious events

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REASI: Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Prashant Goyal, participated in the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a nationwide campaign, aimed at spreading awareness and ensuring saturation of various flagship government schemes, here on Saturday.

A vibrant display of local culture, with drum beats by talented local artists adding a rhythmic touch to the proceedings was showcased.

The Principal Secretary inaugurated IEC van delivering recorded message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the huge gathering present on the spot.

On the occasion, individuals, communities and students came together to take a collective pledge for a Viksit Bharat, symbolizing a commitment towards development and progress of our nation.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra witnessed a spectacular display of cultural diversity by Government Model Girls



Principal Secretary, HUDD Prashant Goyal presenting symbolic keys to beneficiaries.

Higher Secondary School Reasi and Nakkud Natak by Sangam Theatre Group.

The Principal Secretary along with District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, inspected stalls established by various government departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Animal Husbandry, Handloom, and Handicraft showcasing their respective schemes.

The officers and officials from multiple departments

engaged with general public, shedding light on vital schemes including Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), and Poshan Abhiyan.

Prashant Goyal emphasized the importance of community participation in success of these initiatives. "The active involvement of citizens is crucial for effective implementa-

tion of government schemes. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra provides a unique opportunity for people to connect with the authorities and contribute to the development process.

The 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani' segment was particularly impactful, featuring firsthand accounts from beneficiaries sharing their success stories. These narratives highlighted the tangible benefits and positive changes brought about by the government's welfare programs.

While addressing the gathering, Principal Secretary expressed gratitude for the participants' efforts and commended the district administration for successfully conducting the program. He highlighted the VBSY's role in creating awareness, bridging gaps for inclusive development, and fostering engagement with government schemes.

Prashant Goyal emphasised that these schemes, Social Welfare and employment initiatives are designed for the benefit every citizen. He high-

lighted that inclusive growth hinges on the active participation and collaboration of every individual.

He also distributed cheques under PMEGP and Pension Sanction Letters among the beneficiaries.

Later, Principal Secretary Prashant Goyal inaugurated the Common Facilitation Center of Industries and Commerce Department marking a significant stride in advancing industrial infrastructure and fostering economic growth in the region.

DDC Chairman, Saraf Singh Nag, while addressing the gathering, expressed hope that the VBSY shall benefit the last man in the row in the farthest village of district Reasi.

ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ADC Abdul Star, CEO, Chief Agriculture Officer, Block Development Council Chairpersons, District Development Council members, PRI representatives, students and a large section of people participated in the program.

Advisor Bhatnagar visits GMC Udhampur site, reviews progress



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar interacting with officials.

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UDHAMPUR: In order to have the first hand appraisal of prestigious project of Government Medical College Udhampur, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Saturday conducted a detailed inspection of the project to review the progress of ongoing works.

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai; Principal GMC Udhampur, senior officers of Public Works, health and other allied departments accompanied the Advisor during the visit.

During the inspection, the Advisor meticulously reviewed the progress of each component of the project and engaged in thorough deliberations with workmen to address any kind hindrances hampering the smooth execution of the project.

While reviewing the progress of works, Advisor Bhatnagar stressed upon the officers of executing agency to expedite the pace of works and ensure

its completion as per the given timelines. He called upon them to monitor the progress on regular basis besides directing them to deploy additional manpower at construction sites for timely completion of this project. The Advisor also asked the Deputy Commissioner to monitor the progress on fortnightly basis, ensuring the timely completion of this prestigious project through effective coordination with executing agencies.

Interacting with the officers on the occasion, the Advisor made out that the present LG led Administration is committed towards enhancing health-

care facilities across J&K and in last four years significant improvement has been witnessed in terms of establishment of world class healthcare services in the UT. He also highlighted the significance of GMC Udhampur in bolstering healthcare services in the district and reiterated the government's commitment to providing state-of-the-art facilities for medical education and patient care.

During the inspection, the officers of executing agency briefed the Advisor about the present status of ongoing works.

Rajeev emphasizes importance of collective efforts in fostering holistic development



Advisor to MoHFW, Rajeev Wadhawan and others taking pledge.

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REASI: Captivating drone demonstration, showcasing technological advancements aimed at enhancing various facets of rural life on Saturday remained one of the most alluring highlights of ambitious "Viksit Bharat Sankalp yatra" at Sirla panchayat of Reasi district. The panchayat was visited by Advisor to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Rajeev Wadhawan, as part of ongoing VBSY.

During his visit, Advisor Rajeev Wadhawan engaged extensively with various stake-

holders, witnessing collaborative efforts of key departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Animal Husbandry, Handloom, and Handicraft. These departments showcased their respective schemes through informative stalls, presenting a collective front aimed at amplifying awareness and access to essential programs. Addressing the gathering, Advisor Rajeev Wadhawan emphasized the significance of such initiatives in driving progress and empowerment at the grassroots level. He reiterated government's commitment

towards supporting and amplifying these initiatives for betterment of communities across the nation.

The event was a vibrant amalgamation of informative exhibitions, featuring stalls that highlighted the diverse initiatives undertaken by different sectors. Additionally, the cultural program organized by educational institutions added a vibrant touch to the event. The Advisor, along with the gathered audience, pledged their commitment to the ideals and objectives of Viksit Bharat, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in fostering holistic development.

The 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani' segment stood out as a powerful testament to the impact of these initiatives, featuring firsthand accounts from beneficiaries who shared their transformative success stories.

Present in the event were Block Development Officer, Sarpanch Sirla, Principal GHHS Sirla, students and local populace.

From despair to hope: Ayushman Bharat Health Card helps Ramswaroop to regain retarding eyesight

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KATHUA: In the midst of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a heartwarming success story emerged from Basohli block. Ram Swaroop, a resident of this scenic Tehsil, came forward to share his incredible journey. With gratitude in his heart, he expressed how the Ayushman Bharat Health Card transformed his life by enabling him to undergo a life-changing free eye surgery. He narrated his inspiring tale in his own words as part of the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" initiative.

Ram Swaroop, a humble resident of Basohli, had been grappling with diminishing eyesight for years. As time went by, his world gradually became darker, causing great distress and anxiety. His diminishing vision impacted not just his daily routine but also his ability to work and support his family. The once vibrant and driven individual found himself on the fringes

of societal participation, yearning for a ray of hope.

Amidst his sorrows, Ram Sawroop learned about the Ayushman Bharat Health Card, a government initiative offering healthcare benefits to millions across the nation. Filled with hope, he decided to explore this opportunity that seemed tailor-made for his predicament. He diligently followed the application process and was soon designated as a beneficiary, which marked the beginning of his transformative journey. With the Ayushman Bharat Health Card in hand, Ram Swaroop had the opportunity to avail himself of free eye surgery. This provision, once a distant dream, became a tangible reality. Under the compassionate care of skilled doctors and medical staff, he underwent a successful operation, receiving a new lease on life and a chance to reclaim his lost vision. The surgery not only restored his eyesight but also rekindled a renewed

sense of hope, confidence and independence. Now, with clarity in his eyes and gratitude in his heart, Ram Swaroop stepped forward during the ongoing VBSY to share his journey, emphasizing how the Ayushman Bharat Health Card brought light to his darkness. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the government for implementing such a life-changing initiative and enabling individuals like him to receive critical medical treatments without the burden of financial constraints.

Ram Sawroop's story stands as a testament to the power of government initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana. Through its timely intervention, Ram Swaroop regained his vision, his hope, and his place within society. His tale serves as an inspiration to others facing similar challenges, reminding them that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. With a grateful heart, Ram Swaroop has emerged as a

shining example of how compassion and government initiatives can transform lives and uplift communities.

Ram Swaroop's story exemplifies the transformative impact of the welfare initiatives introduced by the government. As his journey resonates with countless others, it serves as a powerful testament to the positive changes unfolding during the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Through initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat Health Card, the government is not only extending essential healthcare services to those in need but also restoring hope, dignity, and opportunities for countless individuals and communities across the nation.

As these success stories continue to emerge, the ongoing yatra highlights the government's unwavering commitment to building a prosperous and inclusive India, setting a promising precedent for the nation's future.

Six day long Safar-e-Shadat samagam being held in GSS Poonch

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POONCH: A Six day long Safar-e-Shahadat is being celebrated with great vigour and emotions in Gurdwara Singh Sabha (GSS) Poonch in the evening session between 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM from December 21 to December 26 to remember the martyrdom of four Sahebzadas. Sahibzada Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jhujar Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh along with Mata Gujjar Kour ji were Martyred during this period in 1705. Various Raagi Jathas including Bhai Sartaj Singh, Bhai Mandeep Singh from Patiala will recite Gurbani Kirtan and many Parcharaks including Prof Narinder Singh, Sarabjit Singh and others will explain the Safar-e-Shahadat, the historical facts of their martyrdom.

The Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee has appealed to the Sangat to participate in large number for giving heartfelt tributes to the martyrs who laid their lives for the humanity.

VBSY: IEC van traverses across 7 panchayats of Rajouri Dist

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RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Van on Saturday traversed through the Panchayats of Palam, Muradhpur, Androlla, Potha, Sarhanoo, Sarano and Dalogra in Rajouri District. This 72-day outreach and awareness campaign aims to promote government schemes and ensure the successful implementation of flagship programs within a specific timeframe. The program intends to provide the benefits of these schemes to all the intended beneficiaries.

The primary objective of the yatra is to disseminate vital information and create awareness about various government schemes, ensuring that every



Participants of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra receiving Calendars.

deserving individual or community is well-informed and included.

A key aspect of the yatra is to facilitate direct interaction between the government and the beneficiaries. By sharing personal stories and experiences, this program provides a platform for individuals to voice their needs, concerns, and aspirations.

This two-way communication not only helps the government gain a better understanding of the ground realities but also enables the identification and enrollment of potential beneficiaries based on the information gathered during the yatra. The Viksit Bharat Yatra focuses on a range of schemes targeted at both urban and rural areas. The 'Viksit Bharat

Sankalp Yatra' stands as a firm commitment by the government to build a prosperous and equitable India. By promoting government schemes, creating awareness, and directly engaging with beneficiaries, the yatra aims to bring about positive change at the grassroots level, paving the way for an inclusive and developed nation.

As this yatra continues its journey across the country, it is expected to impact the lives of millions, ensuring their access to essential services, financial assistance, healthcare, housing, and more. The enthusiastic participation of the public demonstrates their collective commitment to building a brighter and more prosperous future, in line with the government's vision.

Kisan Diwas celebrated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba

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SAMBHA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba, under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu, celebrated Kisan Diwas -National Farmers' Day on Saturday.

The programme was conducted to honour the farmers of district Samba and mark the birth anniversary of the nation's fifth Prime Minister, Lt. Choudhary Charan Singh under the patronship of Professor. Bhupinder Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and the direct supervision of Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu. The programme was attended by more than 200 farmers from different villages of district Samba.

On this occasion, Prof. Sushil Kumar Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu was the Chief Guest while Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension and Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean FoH&F were the Guests of Honour.

Prof. Sushil Kumar Gupta appreciated the efforts of KVK



Prof. Sushil Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-J and others at a programme.

Samba led by Prof. Sanjay Khajuria and his team for conducting such a Mega event for the farmers of the district. He urged upon the farming community to remain in touch with the KVK Samba for any technical help in order to boost their economy. Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension also appreciated the efforts of Prof Sanjay Khajuria Head, KVK Samba and his team for working tirelessly for the benefit of farmers, he applauded the contributions of the farmers and highlighted that they are the ones who put your heart and soul into the soil to give it life and give us food. Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean FoH&F emphasised upon bringing new technologies to the farmers field to improve their livelihood. The programme was also attended by

Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Senior Scientist (Ag. Economics), Darshan Choudhary, BDC Chairman Ramgarh, Pritam Chand, Sarpanch Samlah, Parkash Chand, Member, JK Kissan Advisory Board, Sandeep Chib, President JK Dairy Farmers Federation. During the Kisan Samman Diwas, Stalls of various exhibits like seeds of different crops as well specimen of the vegetables, beekeeping, millets, dairy products and farm machinery were also displayed for the awareness of the farmers/farm women of the district. The technical bulletins/literature on Natural Farming was also distributed among all the participants for their latest knowledge. Earlier, Prof.

Sanjay Khajuria, Head KVK Samba, welcomed all the dignitaries as well as farmers/farm women of the district. Dr. Khajuria along with the dignitaries welcomed the farming community by applying tilak with showers of flower petals which was highly appreciated by the farming community. He throws a detailed light on the importance of celebrating Kisan Diwas as well as on the history of Kisan Diwas. During the programme, Dr. Neerja Sharma, Senior Scientist (Horticulture), Dr. Abhay Kumar Sinha, Senior Scientist (Ag. Engineering), Dr. Saurav Gupta, Scientist (Entomology), Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma delivered various expert lectures on different topics. A farmer-scientist interaction was also held on the occasion. Others who actively assisted and made the event successful includes Bharat Bhushan Stenographer and Pawandeep Singh of the KVK Samba.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Saurav Gupta and vote of thanks presented by Dr. A.K. Sinha.

Dr Mohan Singh reviews functioning of AYUSH Department in Reasi District

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REASI: The working of AYUSH Reasi was on Saturday reviewed by Director, Dr. Mohan Singh here at a meeting held in the office of the District Nodal Officer Ayush.

The Director reviewed workdone by the AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres and AYUSH Units of District Reasi. He emphasized that every AHWC must ensure entry of Data on daily basis and Monthly basis on the AB-HWC portal of Ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India. He also reviewed the progress of ongoing infrastructural



Director AYUSH, Dr. Mohan Singh interacting with officials.

strengthening projects of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres, Specialized Wellness Centre of AYUSH at Katra and 50-bedded Integrated District AYUSH Hospital Reasi.

He emphasized upon implementation of the AYUSH Public Health Programs so that the strength of the AYUSH system of health promotion, prevention and management of diseases can reach the general public. He also highlighted that every AHWC must ensure standards of Health Care delivery as per NABH standards.

State program Manager, National AYUSH Mission J&K Imran Khan sensitized the Medical Officers about

AB-HWC, Tele-consultation, DBT, HPR, JK Attendance Portals and AHWC guidelines.

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Director AYUSH Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Raina, Assistant Director AYUSH Jammu, Dr. Aruna Bhat, Deputy Medical Superintendent Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu, Dr. Bharti Bhat, Nodal Officer NABH Jammu Division and Aqib, State Accounts Manager also accompanied the Director. He appreciated the overall performance of District Reasi under the supervision of District Nodal Officer AYUSH Reasi Dr. Kamal Kishore Dubey.

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UDHAMPUR: To celebrate Dogri Mantaya Diwas, the Department of Dogri, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur in collaboration with Literary Club organized a Cultural and Literary programme based on Dogri language on the college campus here today.

The event was held under the patronship of the Principal of the college, Prof Anjali Mahajan, to commemorate the introduction of Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Renowned Dogri writer and Sahitya Academy Awardee, Parkash Premi son of the soil was the chief Guest on the occasion.



Students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

Parkash Premi, in his address, focused on the need to embrace our linguistic identity and make it a part and parcel to ignite the respect for our Duggar civilization.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof. Anjali Mahajan stressed the need for communication in our mother tongue, for the upliftment of the Duggar heritage. She stated that unless

and until we don't uplift our languages, we won't be able to contribute to our culture and civilization.

Earlier, the programme started by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by dignitaries. In her welcome address, Head of Dogri Department Dr. Sushma Kumari laid stress on the significance of the mother language of Jammu region which

further exhorted the audience and students to put forth the efforts in preserving the Dogri heritage.

Dr. Mool Raj Convenor Literary Club GCW Udhampur and Prof. Yash Paul Heritage Club also expressed their views regarding the importance of Dogri language and presented the motivational poem "Jind Dogri Te Meri Jaan Dogri....." by Dr. Mool Raj.

On this occasion, various students from the Department of Dogri and Music participated and presented their Poems, Solo songs, Skits, Speeches and Cultural program with great zeal and vigor that left a great impact on the youngsters for the acceleration of love and respect for their mother tongue Dogri.

The cultural Programme was organized under the able guidance of the faculty of Dogri Department and Prof. Yash Kumar department of Music.

The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Assistant Professor Manju Bala and Miss Lata Thakur of semester 1st besides the formal vote of thanks by Assistant Professor Shama Rani of Dogri Department. About 200 students of the college witnessed the event.

Among others, Dr. Sanjeet Kour; Prof. Lekh Raj Badyal, Dr. Ajay Kumar; Dr. Shivani Suri Verma, Dr. Meena Gupta, Prof. Pooja Bharti, Prof. Yash Kumar; other senior faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

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