

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues across Jammu Division



Commissioner Secretary IT Prerna Puri participates in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Sahar, Kathua.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Commissioner Secretary, IT and Information, Prerna Puri on Friday participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at panchayat Sahar of block Kathua.

Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas, SSP, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, Vice Chairman DDC, Raghunandan Singh, ACD, Kishore Singh Katoch, and other departmental heads besides officials were present on the occasion.

During the Yatra, the beneficiaries shared success stories concerning various prevailing Central Sector Schemes during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" session, attended by the Commissioner Secretary and other district officials.



Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D Vaidya during two-day tour to District Kishtwar.

Amidst these engagements, the Commissioner Secretary participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra proceedings, inspecting departmental stalls showcasing citizen centric beneficiary schemes. She administered the VBSY pledge to the participants.

While taking overview of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district, the Commissioner Secretary said VBSY has successfully touched over 200 panchayats in Kathua with the intent to saturate all the schemes on mission mode. She said the beneficiaries who have availed the benefits of government schemes act as ambassadors for carrying forward the message of the Prime Minister to pave the way for Developed India.

During the address, Commissioner Secretary emphasised the collective efforts of people, youth, officers and PRIs to materialize the vision of transformed developed India by 2047, emphasizing the crucial role of all stakeholders in this pursuit. She stressed the critical need to focus on infrastructure revamping, human resource development and social unity as the cornerstone of national development.

The event also featured screening of PM's message on Viksit Bharat, besides distribution of IEC material.

Commissioner Secretary also handed over financial assistance to KCC, PMEGP, NRLM, and MSME beneficiaries besides giving away Abhinandan Patra to the PRIs for achieving ODF plus status.

Earlier, the Vice Chairman DDC Kathua Raghunandan Singh said the mission of making India a developed nation by 2047 can only be realized by the collective efforts of all stakeholders especially youth who are the architects for the developed and empowered India.

KISHTWAR: Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D Vaidya, concluded his exhaustive two day visit to Kishtwar with detailed assessment of development initiatives and redressal of local concerns.

The day before, Principal Secretary along with Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and other concerned officers inspected and reviewed the crucial development projects and upgradation of infrastructure in the district. He affirmed administration's commitment towards assessing and advancing developmental initiatives in the region.

Additionally, Santosh D Vaidya inspected and assessed the pace and progress on ongoing Hydroelectric Power projects. He also engaged in review meetings with concerned HEP authorities and stakeholders, and discussed crucial issues, seeking immediate resolutions through collaborative measures, emphasising timely completion of these HEP projects.

Principal Secretary also presided over a mega Public Darbar at Dool A panchayat of Nagseni besides participating in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

During the Public Darbar, a substantial gathering of 700 participants, including community members, dignitaries, district officers, and field functionaries, warmly welcomed Santosh D Vaidya, underscoring the event's significance.

District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav along with several key officials such as ADC Kishtwar Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACP Kishtwar Zakir Hussain Wani, and other departmental heads also graced the occasion with their presence.

During the Public Darbar, delegations comprising local PRIs and influential figures highlighted area-specific grievances and demands, seeking immediate resolutions through consultation with relevant authorities.

During his address, Principal Secretary passionately assured attendees of the administration's commitment to addressing genuine grievances while commending District Administration for his proactive approach in resolving community issues.

Amidst these engagements, Santosh D Vaidya also actively participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra proceedings, inspecting stalls showcasing citizen-centric beneficiary schemes and administering the VBSY pledge to participants. He emphasized collective efforts of people, youth, officers, and PRIs to materialize the vision of a Developed India by 2047, highlighting the pivotal role of youth in this pursuit.

The event also featured a screening of PM's message on Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, musical and cultural performances by local artists and Nagseni Cultural group, and distribution of IEC material.

On this occasion, Principal Secretary also handed over sanction letters under HADP to eligible farmers and prosthetic aids, including wheelchairs and sticks, provided by the Social Welfare Department for the elderly and PwDs.

Furthermore, a free medical camp organized by the Health Department Kishtwar provided medical screenings, consultations, and free medicines to numerous citizens, enhancing the community's access to healthcare services.

The visit exemplified a concerted effort towards advancing developmental goals and addressing local needs, underscoring the commitment of administration and stakeholders towards betterment of Kishtwar district.

Mission Director Dairy Development, Er. Narinder Singh Bali presided over an impactful Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at TRC Kishtwar.

The event garnered participation from local PRIs, the general populace, and District Officers, including ACD Manoj Kumar, GM DIC Mohamad Ashraf, BDO Kishtwar Sumit Singh and DIO, Dr Kuldeep Kumar, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Ajaz Hussain besides others.

The Yatra commenced with the welcoming of the IEC Van by the Mission Director, alongside other esteemed participants. ACD Kishtwar Manoj Kumar set the tone with a warm welcome address, shedding light on the program's outline and its district-specific profile.

With a primary focus on the comprehensive dissemination of CSS and its tangible on-ground impacts, the Mission Director led inspec-

elucidated the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the District, emphasizing the Department's role in providing technical know-how, latest technology, and financial assistance under CSS. Joint Director, Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jammu Vikrant Sharma reassured farmers of comprehensive support from the Department, outlining ongoing activities.

The District Development Council Chairman advocated for creating mass awareness about government welfare initiatives and hand-holding measures for the farming community. He urged farmers to embrace

the latest technology, high-yielding varieties, and scientific management for improved earnings.



Mission Director Dairy Development Er. Narinder Singh Bali during Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held at Kishtwar.

tions of stalls set up by various departments. He provided directives to ensure extensive publicity of these schemes for maximum outreach.

The highlight of the event included beneficiaries sharing their insightful experiences during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" segment on stage and IEC Van screening the recorded message on impact of citizen centric schemes in the UT.

Furthermore, the program encompassed the distribution of wheelchairs, prosthetic aids, the Abhinandan Patara, felicitation of achievers, and the issuance of KCC and soil cards.

Addressing the gathering, Narinder Singh Bali, Mission Director Dairy Development J&K, emphasized the evident developmental trajectory of the UT. He underscored the pivotal roles played by both the general populace and government machinery in fostering this progress.

Bali urged all stakeholders to actively embrace their responsibilities, emphasizing the realization of the vision for a Developed India by 2047. He shed light on the HADP programs, aimed at revitalizing agriculture and allied sectors, elaborating on the dairy sector's fundamental role in family development.

Additionally, he reassured the establishment of Milk Collection Centers/BMCs across the district, further demonstrating the commitment to bolstering the dairy industry.

The programme culminated with the commitment for realising the vision of Developed India. The vote of thanks was presented by GM DIC Mohamad Ashraf and the proceedings of the programme were magnificently carried out by Zorawar Singh PET.

The event at TRC Kishtwar was orchestrated to extensively disseminate awareness about CSS aligning with the spirit of VBSY under the management of the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Kishtwar. Spearheaded by BDO Kishtwar Sunit Singh and in collaboration with various departments, the program operated under the astute guidance and overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav ensured comprehensive and effective execution.

KATHUA: Amidst the vibrant energy of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Kathua, one story shone brightly, echoing the essence of resilience and progress. It is the tale of Shakti Sharma, a beacon of inspiration within the self-help group under the UMEED initiative.

Shakti's journey into entrepreneurship alongside her self-help group was sparked by the vision and support offered by the UMEED scheme of JKRLM. With the aid of soft loans provided through this initiative, their venture in mushroom-rearing commenced with a humble investment of Rs 10,000. Fuelled by determination and fortified by the assistance from UMEED, Shakti and her group (Bua Rani) poured their hearts into nurturing their mushroom enterprise.

What followed was a story of incredible growth and achievement. Against all odds, their venture thrived, surpassing expectations and turning the initial Rs 10,000 investment into an astonishing Rs 3 lakh. The success not only transformed their financial standing but also kindled a newfound confidence and empowerment within Shakti and her fellow entrepreneurs.

In the midst of celebration and acknowledgment, Shakti attributed much of this remarkable journey to the visionary policies of PM Modi. She praised the policies for their profound impact in empowering women and fostering the spirit of self-reliance. The ini-

tiatives and support provided through UMEED and similar programs have been instrumental in breaking barriers and creating opportunities for women like Shakti across the nation.

As the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra unfolded in Kathua, Shakti's story became a beacon of hope and determination. Her journey exemplified the fusion of individual perseverance and government support, painting a vivid picture of how determination, coupled with initiatives like UMEED and the broader vision of Aatmanirbharta, can ignite remarkable transformations.

Shakti's success story, emerging amid the fervor of the yatra, resonated as a testament to resilience, progress, and the transformative power of inclusive policies. Her narrative encapsulated the essence of empowerment, underscoring the possibilities that arise when determination meets support, carving a path towards a brighter, self-reliant future for countless others.

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 van traveled through the panchayats of Chowkian-C, Thanamang-C, Mangota-B, Alal, Dhoke, Azmatabad, Dreari, Deri Ralyote-Lower, Deri Ralyote Upper, Galthuti Lower, Dodasan Lower, Dodasan Ramote, Jaglanoo, Mohra-A, Draj-B and Draj-A of Darhal, Thanamandi, Manjakote, Plangarh and Budhal Old block of Rajouri district.

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

SAMBA: The Panchayat Rarri, Block Ramgarh of Samba District hosted a grand Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, with the participation of locals and PRIs.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is a nationwide outreach initiative launched by the Government to inform and empower citizens about the flagship schemes and programmes. The goal of the Yatra is to achieve 100% saturation of welfare schemes such as Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, and many more.

The people of Rarri welcomed the IEC van with enthusiasm and participated in various activities organized by them. They listened to Hon'ble PM Modi's message with keen interest and took part in the Sankalp pledge, committing themselves to the vision of a developed and prosperous India. The beneficiaries also shared their success stories of how they benefited from the government's schemes under the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" initiative. The cultural programmes by students of schools added to the festive mood of the event. The stalls for on-spot services provided health camps, blood donation camps, eye check-ups, and other facilities to the people. The event was a huge success and received positive feedback from all sections of society. The event was graced by the presence of ACD Samba Siddharth Dhiman, BDO Ramgarh Mukesh Sharma, Sarpanch Nirmala Devi, and Naib Sarpanch Daler Singh.

District level event held at Satingal to promote Floriculture

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: The Department of Floriculture, Parks, and Gardens orchestrated a District Level Event, Kissan Mela, and Conference under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme MIDH at Satingal Bhaderwah, District Doda.

The event, inaugurated by the District Development Council Chairman, Dhananter Singh Kotwal and Vice Chairperson District Development Council, Sangeeta Bhagat, garnered enthusiastic participation from the farming community.

The conference, aimed at fostering Commercial



A dignitary speaking during the event.

Floriculture activities and enhancing farmer welfare, drew attention from notable dignitaries. Director General Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jammu, S. Jatinder Singh, graced the occasion as the special

guest. The gathering provided farmers a platform to engage with key stakeholders, exchange ideas, and stay abreast of the latest developments in Floriculture.

Pawan Kumar, Assistant Floriculture Officer, Doda,

elucidated the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the District, emphasizing the Department's role in providing technical know-how, latest technology, and financial assistance under CSS. Joint Director, Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jammu Vikrant Sharma reassured farmers of comprehensive support from the Department, outlining ongoing activities.

The District Development Council Chairman advocated for creating mass awareness about government welfare initiatives and hand-holding measures for the farming community. He urged farmers to embrace

the latest technology, high-yielding varieties, and scientific management for improved earnings.

The Vice Chairperson stressed expanding the cultivation of Marigold, Lavender, and other cut flowers, emphasizing market linkages for enhanced returns. Additionally, she encouraged women farmers to adopt commercial Floriculture for social upliftment. The Director General expressed gratitude, pledging technical and financial assistance to farmers, concluding a successful and impactful event.

Sarpanches and participants from various Panchayats applauded the Floriculture Department's efforts, urging the organization of more such camps/events in the future.

DPAP leader calls on DC Ramban, raises concerns over sudden hike in Chenani-Nashri toll charges

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BATOTE: Shahrukh Bhatti, DPAP Zonal General Secretary (Chenab Valley) & Councillor MC Batote, met Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer Ul Haq on Friday and presented a memorandum expressing concerns regarding the recent hike in toll charges at the Chenani-Nashri tunnel by NHA-I.

Bhatti highlighted the existing hardships faced by the general public of Nashri-Batote and surrounding areas due to limited employment opportunities in the district. He emphasized that a majority of the residents are daily wage earners who rely on the Chenani-Nashri tunnel for their daily commute to work.

"The sudden increase in toll charges has placed a significant burden on these already struggling individuals," Bhatti stated. "Many simply cannot afford this additional expense, putting their livelihoods at risk."

Bhatti urged Deputy Commissioner Haq to intervene and advocate for the cancellation of the toll hike order. He emphasized the need for a sensitive approach considering the economic constraints of the region.



Shahrukh Bhatti, DPAP Zonal General Secretary handing over memorandum to DC Ramban Baseer Ul Haq.

Deputy Commissioner Haq assured Bhatti that he would personally look into the matter and explore avenues to bring relief to the affected communities. He acknowledged the concerns raised and expressed his commitment to finding a solution that balances infrastructure development with the well-being of the local population.

DC Rajouri discusses execution plan for proposed projects



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal chaired a pivotal meeting with the members of the District Level Committee. The primary agenda of the

meeting was to address and resolve issues pertaining to forest clearances, crucial for the seamless execution of different developmental projects in the region.

During the meeting, each member of the District Level Committee shared insights and updates on the status of the projects requiring forest clearances. After a threadbare discussion, the District Level Committee successfully cleared five cases related to forest clearances.

The committee members thoroughly examined each case, considering the environmental impact, feasibility, and community benefits associated with these projects. The clearance of these cases

signifies a significant milestone in the development of the region, as it paves the way for the timely implementation of these projects, bringing tangible progress and prosperity to the people of Rajouri.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of timely and efficient resolution of issues related to forest clearances. Recognizing the pivotal role of these clearances in the successful implementation of developmental projects, he directed the officers present to actively follow up on pending cases and expedite the resolution process.

In his directives to the officers, the DC underscored the

need for a proactive approach and directed the officers to maintain a close coordination with all concerned departments and work towards a swift resolution of pending cases. The commitment of the district administration to expeditious resolution and streamlined processes reflects its dedication to promoting sustainable development in the region.

The district administration remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that developmental bottlenecks are addressed promptly, facilitating an environment conducive to the efficient implementation of developmental initiatives that directly contribute to the welfare of the residents.

The meeting was attended by the DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh, DFO Nowshera, Satyendra Maurya, CPO Mohammad Khurshid, ACD, Vijay Kumar, EXEN REW, Zahir Khan, EXEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan and other concerned officers.

DC Reasi inspects progress of work on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Friday conducted an extensive tourcum-inspection of the works being executed on the Domoil-Katra section of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra. (DAK) Expressway.

The Project Director, NHAI Udhampur, Anuj Kumar Singh, gave a detailed overview of the works in execution in all the chainages of the project in the jurisdiction of District Reasi.

The Deputy Commissioner, Reasi was informed that the project is being executed strictly in accordance with the Code of the specifications and standards of Expressway. Other senior officers of the NHAI & M/S APCO- the concessioner



DC Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan inspecting works executed on Domoil-Katra section of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway.

also accompanied the Deputy Commissioner, during the inspections.

The Deputy Commissioner passed instructions to NHAI authorities to speed-up the execution of work by way of enhancing the manpower and pressing in advanced and high-tech machinery. He further instructed the NHAI to start operating the third shift to cover-up the time and the progress lost during the

earlier stages of execution.

During the inspection and interaction with various stakeholders, the DC instructed the executing agency to ensure that the flow of traffic on the existing road is not hampered in any way. On spot instructions were also issued for installation of road crash barriers at vulnerable and black spots for the safety and security of the road

users.

Highlighting the importance of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, the Deputy Commissioner called upon the executing authorities to ensure that no unnecessary inconvenience is caused either to the pilgrims visiting Holy shrine or to the daily local commuters. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra, Deepak Dubey, who also accompanied the Deputy Commissioner, during the tour, was advised to keep a close watch on the execution of this vital part of the Expressway and sort out the issues, if any and as and when they arise. Later in the day, after the inspection was over, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the physical and financial progress of the project.

DISCLAIMER

“STATE TIMES”

does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements

(Display/Classified)

carried in this

newspaper. The paper does not

endorse the same. Readers are

requested to verify the contents on

their own before acting there upon.”