

NC leader visits Panchayats Barmandal, Broh; takes stock of people's problems

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KALAKOT: National Conference (NC) has flayed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its failure to provide basic amenities to the people of far flung areas of Kalakot constituency.

After his visit to these areas, NC leader Thakur Yashu Vardhan Singh, Constituency Incharge NC Kalakot, who is also NC Zonal Secretary Peer Panjal Zone and Incharge District Rajouri, said that BJP which claims to be champion of the people has in fact miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the common people on ground especially to those living in far flung and remote areas.



NC leader Thakur Yashu Vardhan Singh along with locals at Kalakot.

It is pertinent to mention here that the NC leader visited the remote and far flung areas including Panchayats Barmandal and Broh to take stock of the problems being faced by the people on ground.

While welcoming him, the people apprised the NC

leader about their pressing issues related to water, irrigation, road, electricity and upgradation of school. After listening to the people's woes quite patiently, he informed them that so far as their drinking water problem is concerned, Member District Development Council

(MDDC) Kalakot, Anita Thakur is also working on the plan to address the water crisis in the area. He added that she would ensure that water crisis in the area is addressed by implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission at the earliest. He asserted that in any case the issue of water crisis will get completely resolved within a year.

Others accompanying the NC leader during his visit to the far flung areas were Ashok Sharma Office Sect, Er Waqar Mir YNC Kalakote, Dewaker Singh, Master Gulam, Sheri, Mirza Jangbaaz, Mirza Bashir and Mirza Ayoub, Sarpanch Broh.

NGO Aradhana organises legal awareness programme



NGO members along with women during the camp.

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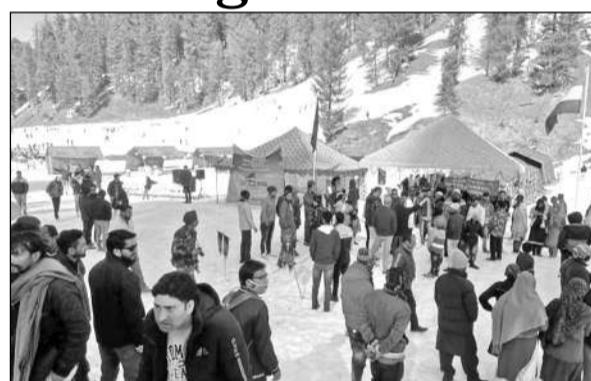
SAMBA: Aradhana-a ray of hope, an NGO working for child education & societal welfare organised a legal awareness program in cooperation with District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) Jammu in Govt. Middle School Dabuj Village, Jakh to spread light on women empowerment and women

rights. Monika Mitter, Chairwoman Team Aradhana educated the masses to raise voice against social injustice, domestic violence, women/child rights and discrimination of all sorts. The workshop was aligned with the World day of Social Justice theme 'Achieving social justice

through Formal Employment' which is observed on 20th Feb every year. The speakers also made audience aware about the remedial measures for potential problems wherein they can seek free legal aids from High Court Jammu.

40 more participants were a part of the event. The lawyers team members from DLSSA saw the presence of Advocate Abhimanyu Sharma and Advocate Anita Tickoo. Deep Sarkar, Avinash Singh Bogal, Taranjeet Singh and Claudia Fretes were the fellows from Aradhana. The general folks appreciated the dismissal of information; it turned out to be an interactive session and the team vowed to organize more such events in the future.

3-Day Winter Carnival concludes at Jai Valley amid huge footfall of revelers



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

Briefing the media on the concluding day, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma said that the event was organised to boost local tourism trade and promote Bhadarwah as a major tourist destination and attract the film industry, which has already

accepted Bhadarwah as a favourite shooting location. He said the event also aimed to send across a message that the district administration was going to create world class facilities at all tourist locations of the area to attract high end tourists. The three Day Winter Carnival offered a great deal of

attraction for the visitors. Colourful cultural programmes, local dance, traditional sword and stick dance performed by local tribal community, Zorbing ball, snow skiing, snow sledding, snow roping, Balloon shooting, folk Kud dance and Ladakhi dance kept the visitors engaged all the three days amid the snow clad sprawling meadows of the Jai Valley. The last day of the festival witnessed participation of Principal District Session Judge Bhadarwah, Sub Judge Bhadarwah, OC GREF, Conservator of forest, ADC Bhadarwah, CEO BDA, BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, Captain 4RR, municipal councilors, locals from all over district and tourists from other districts.

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Public has hailed prompt response and intervention by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal for necessary repair of a Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna road which was in dilapidated condition just in two years of its construction. The road under question was Mubarakpur Tandwal to Sohana Gali road via Mankote and Palullian.

Locals said that the road was inaugurated in 2019-20 after blacktopping but due to poor work, blockage of drains and due to non maintenance by executive agency, the road developed potholes.

The matter was taken up with Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal and Executive Engineer PMGSY, Subash Chander. On the intervention of the Deputy Commissioner and Executive Engineer PMGSY, the work for necessary maintenance and repair of the road was started a few days ago and the work along the stretch is on for filling potholes and clearing blocked drains.

People from the area including Sarpanch Tundi Trar Yogesh Sharma, PRIs including Khadem Hussaini,

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Manoj Sharma, senior citizens Subash Chander, Bhushan Sharma, Mohammad Jamshed, Ashaq Chowdhary have hailed the start of much required repair work on the road.

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