

Advisor Bhatnagar visits Bhadarwah, inspects ongoing dev projects

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DODA: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, who is on a two day tour of Doda district, on Sunday visited the Bhaderwah area and took comprehensive inspection of various ongoing developmental projects there.

Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Harvinder Singh; senior officers of district administration and other officers of line departments also accompanied the Advisor.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar took detailed assessment of ongoing construction works at Court Complex here.

Interacting with the officers of executing agency on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar delved on them to accelerate the pace of ongoing works so that it can be dedicated for public use at the earliest.

The Advisor, during the tour, also visited Bhaderwah Fort to oversee the progress of beatification and other allied works. He discussed



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar during visit to Guldanda.

the issues stalling the progress of work with the executing agencies and gave directions to renovate the fort with the instructions of completing the work of the musical fountain in time bound manner. He highlighted that the musical fountain will add to the beauty of the fort and the tourists and visitors will have good recreational time at the fort apart from knowing the rich culture and heritage of the region.

Later, Advisor Bhatnagar explored the Guldanda tourist spot of the area and

took onspot appraisal of the facilities available for the visitors there. He emphasized upon the officers to ensure cleanliness as well as other facilities in this picturesque place so that maximum tourists are attracted to this place.

He also called upon the officers to keep all routes leading to these spots open and hassle-free so that the visitors are facilitated.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar also paid obeisance at the revered Maa Chamdi Mandir at Chimote and Gupt Ganga temple.

J&K treading path of inclusive development as per PM's vision: Slathia

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SAMBA: J&K BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday said Jammu and Kashmir is treading towards the path of inclusive and holistic development with renewed vigour as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, adding that results are discernible at ground zero.

Welcoming hundreds of public spirited Karyakartas on their joining the BJP, at a specially held function held here this afternoon, Slathia said J&K's developmental odyssey, in consonance with Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas, is key to transforming this part of the country that has witnessed most difficult and traumatic phase due to disturbed conditions during three decades.

"However, the situation has undergone major turnaround post August 2019 with peace dawning and



J&K BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Samba.

development getting new impetus due to the concerted efforts of the government", he said, adding that in this journey of overall transformation every segment of the society is working towards strengthening the hands of Narendra Modi to carry forward his mission of nation building.

Slathia said the agenda of inclusiveness has instilled a sense of confidence and hope among the people, who have been craving for marching ahead as proud Indians to become part of the country's growth story.

He also referred to the

great initiatives taken by the BJP over the years and implementation of various schemes and welfare programmes across Jammu and Kashmir with missionary zeal, saying these have resulted in the growth of every section of the society.

Slathia said that due to dedicated efforts of the BJP led government at the Centre the nation is at the threshold of becoming a world leader under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The nations across continents have already started looking towards

India with a hope of being instrumental in resolving complex issues like conflict, challenges on the fronts of terrorism and climate, fighting poverty, disease, illiteracy and hunger, besides strengthening democratic values, he added.

Hoping that the joining of new entrants will make the BJP further stronger at the grassroots level to carry forward the mission of prosperous Jammu and Kashmir under the Viksit Bharat with avenues of progress to all, irrespective of caste, region and religion, Slathia said this is

the core philosophy of world's largest political party that is dedicated to the service of the nation. He urged the Karyakartas to further intensify the public outreach programme to identify the problems facing the people for seeking earnest redressal. Prominent among those who join BJP from various political parties along with hundreds of other workers are Vipan Bhagat Mohinder Singh Boby Sanjay Attri Romesh Hans Ajay Verma Harish Kaka Sansar Chand. Moreover others who are from BJP present on the occasion included Kashmira Singh President BJP Samba Vijay Singh Vice President BJP Samba Amit Dubey General Secretary BJP Samba Ankush Mahajan Mandal President BJP Samba Omkaar Padha General Secretary BJP Samba Suraj Parkash Verma President OBC Moreha Samba Arun Sharma Shashi Pal Vaid.

Col Mahan emphasises Modi's schemes & looming Lok Sabha Elections 2024

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BASOHLI: In a fervent display of grassroots engagement, Col Mahan Singh, the DDC Chairman of Kathua, spearheaded the "Gaon Chalo Abhiyan" initiative in the Basohli constituency. The campaign, orchestrated by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), aimed to bolster booth-level strength and community outreach, vital elements in the political landscape as the nation braces for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

During his whirlwind tour, Col Mahan Singh traversed through the heartlands of Ghagrorre, Kudgera, and Jait Madrakhi, meticulously inspecting the booth levels to fortify BJP's grassroots machinery. Interacting fervently with booth presidents, panna pramukhs, and booth prabharis, Col Mahan



Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman of Kathua along with locals during "Gaon Chalo Abhiyan".

Singh delved into the pulse of the local populace, keenly addressing their grievances and swiftly orchestrating solutions.

A fervent advocate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary governance, Col Mahan Singh eloquently elucidated the myriad schemes and achievements of the BJP-led government. Emphasizing PM Modi's ambitious target for the nation to achieve developed

status by 2074, coinciding with India's 100 years of independence, Col Mahan Singh underscored the transformative strides made under the BJP's stewardship.

From the resurgent Indian economy to the historic realization of the Ram Mandir and the monumental abrogation of Article 370, Col Mahan Singh delineated the monumental achievements attained during the BJP's tenure. Particularly spot-

lighting the paradigm shift witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir post-article 370 abrogation, he lauded the infrastructural advancements, including the expansive network of roads in hilly terrains through schemes like PMGSY and NABARD. Additionally, he extolled the establishment of two AIIMS hospitals, the burgeoning employment opportunities, and the resolute stance against terrorism, emblematic of the BJP's unwavering commitment to the region's prosperity and security.

As the political landscape brims with anticipation ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Col Mahan Singh's resolute leadership and unwavering dedication exemplify the BJP's unwavering resolve to empower communities, amplify voices, and usher in a prosperous, vibrant future for the nation.

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AKHNOOR: The Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust on Sunday organized a National Art Workshop at Government Degree College, Akhnoor.

Led by President Anuradha Rishi, the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust initiated a week-long National Art Workshop titled 'Trikuta - The Maharani of Mountains'. The workshop features a distinguished team of ten nationally renowned artists from across the country including Ashok Kumar, Gopal K Samantray, Gouri Vemula, Jiban Biswas, Nilesh Vede, Rahul J Mhetra, Ranjeeta Kumar, Sanju Das, Suman Dongre, and Vijay Kumar, who are actively engaging with students to impart artistic skills and insights.

Students of Government Degree College, Akhnoor enthusiastically participated in the workshop in the college premises.

Dr. Krishan, former MLA, also graced the occasion and recited a few couplets of his poems. He also highlighted the Dogri Bhakh. Bhakh is a very beautiful



Trust members along with students and faculty members during the programme.

and charming genre of Dogri Literature as well as Dogri Music.

The participating artists not only demonstrated various artistic techniques but also interacted with students, providing them with valuable guidance and encouragement. Additionally, the artists distributed gifts among the students, fostering a spirit of creativity and camaraderie.

Emphasizing the importance of such art workshops, Anuradha Rishi, President of the Trust highlighted the vast potential of local students in areas like Akhnoor, where opportunities for

learning art skills are scarce. She called upon the government to extend support for organizing more workshops in such underserved regions, emphasizing the transformative impact it could have on the lives of students and communities. She said that the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust remains committed to empowering young talents and fostering cultural enrichment in communities across Jammu & Kashmir. She also extended special thanks to Petronet LNG for their generous support in making the art workshop possible.

Sant Nirankari Mission holds blood donation camp

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KATHUA: With the divine blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudhiksha Ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Mission branch Marheen organizes a voluntarily Blood Donation Camp at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Marheen. Donors of all age group from branch Marheen, Muthi Rakwalan, Dayalachak and Hariachak participated with great enthusiasm in this camp.

This camp was inaugurated by Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu w hile speaking on the occasion he said that the Sant Nirankari Mission is a mission of Universal Brotherhood with a spiritual ideology and beliefs that self-realization is the fundamental objective of human birth. Donors here voluntarily participated and happily donated blood for the welfare of Humankind. He further said that t he



Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu and others during the camp.

mission under the guidance of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj always ready to serve the society and since 1986 from the last 38 years Blood Donation Camps are being organized by the Mission and nearly 600 blood donation camps organized in India. every year.

Dina Nath Mukhi Marheen welcome all presented in the Camp.

Other Dignitaries presented on the occasion were Dr Zulfikar Ahmed Consultant,

Dr. Mohsina from Blood Bank GMC Jammu, Dr. Soami BMO Hiranagar, Babu Ram Sanyojak Kathua, Tarsem Lal Sharma Mukhi Muthi Rakwalan, Rajesh Kumar Mukhi Dayalachak, Satpal Nirankari Khetriya Sanchalak Kathua and several senior citizens and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu and JKSAACS.

Clash over water issue leaves 2 women injured

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SUNDERANI: A clash erupted between two parties over water issues leading to which two women got injured and were referred to GMC Jammu.

As per details, in Dhok Banyad village of Tehsil Beripatten, there was a fierce clash between two parties over water dispute in which several people got injured and two of them in critical condition were referred to Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Jammu.

It was alleged by victim familt that, few months ago there was a dispute over water between two families, Rashpaul and Shamo Devi. Shamo Devi, wife of Prakash Chand and her sons built a water well and laid pipes to bring water to their house but Rashpaul's family removed water pipes. Later after

Panchayat's decision, Shamo Devi's son Madan Lal and his wife Nisha Devi were trying to fit the water pipe over which Rashpaul, Shashi



Kumar, Dalveer Kumar, Arun Kumar, Rajesh Kumar and their family members attacked Madan Lal and his wife, Nisha Devi, Sanjay Kumar and his wife Sunita Devi. Four injured people were admitted to Sub District Hospital SDH Sunderbani from where Nisha Devi and Sunita Devi were referred to Government Medical College, GMC Hospital, Jammu. Sunderbani police have registered the case and investigating is on .

DDC Reasi reviews redressal of public grievances received on JKIGRAM



District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

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REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan on Sunday chaired a meeting in the DC Office Complex to assess the resolution of grievances received through JKIGRAM Portal.

In the meeting, DDC Mahajan urged the departments to expedite the disposal of pending grievances with both speed and quality.

It was informed by the ADC Abdul Star that 2228 grievances have been registered on the portal, out of which 2172 have been dis-

posed of till date.

Highlighting the LG Administration's keen focus on addressing public issues promptly, DDC Mahajan directed officers to resolve all pending public grievances in a time bound manner.

Taking Department-wise reviews, the DDC Mahajan sought feedback to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the situation.

The DDC Mahajan noted that while most departments have one pending grievance, there were a few with a considerable penden-

cy.

Emphasizing the urgency of the matter, all officers were instructed to accelerate the redressal process. He said that District Administration Reasi reaffirms its commitment to efficient governance and the timely resolution of citizen grievances.

PO Poshan Mohammad. Anwar Bandy, Joint Director Planning Sunita Kanchan, ACD Pardeep Kumar, ACR Anshumali Sharma, CEO, ARTO and other senior district officers were present.

Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Education Rajbagh holds National Seminar

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KATHUA: Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Education Rajbagh Kathua, holds one day National Seminar on Topic "Indian Knowledge System through the lens of NEP2020" on 10th February 2024.

Prof Seema Mir Principal Govt. Degree College Kathua graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Prof. J.N Baliya Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu was the Key Note Speaker of the event, Dr. Jaspal Singh, Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu, Dr. Kajal Manhas Asstt. Prof. Department of Education, University of Jammu, Dr. Rajesh Associate Prof. Department of Education ICDEOL Himachal Pradesh University, Dr. Anita Goswami, Assistant Prof. Department of English applied Science and Humanities, COER University Roorkee Uttrakhand, Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Head Department



A section of dignitaries during the seminar.

Economics, Govt. Degree College Dehra, Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Ram Singh Associate Prof. Department of Education Govt. Degree College Kathua, Dr. Rachna Devi Associate Prof. Department of Education, Govt. Degree College for Women Kathua, Dr. Yash Paul Sharma associate Prof.

Department of Urdu, Govt. Degree College Kathua, were the resource persons of the Seminar.

Dr. Brij Kohli Principal of the hosting College welcomed all the guest and presented the theme and main objective of the Seminar in her welcome address. The Key note speaker Prof. J.N

Baliya in his address explained about the Indian Knowledge System and NEP2020.

Chief Guest Prof. Seema Mir Principal Govt. Degree College Kathua discussed how this policy is going to be fruitful for the upcoming generation. Teacher must inculcate the values among the students as they are going to be the future teachers.

The plenary session which began after the Tea break was chaired by Prof. J.N Baliya Department of Education studies Central University of Jammu. Resource persons from different department of different Universities and Colleges of Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Punjab and from the U.T of

Jammu and Kashmir briefed about the topic of the seminar and its sub-themes.

The chief guests, Key note speaker and the dignitaries were honored by chairman of College Dr. Surinder Kohli by presenting mementos. The Technical session was chaired by Dr. Ram Singh associate Prof. Department of Education Govt. Degree College Kathua and Cochaired by Dr. Rachna Devi Associate Prof. Department of Education Govt. College for women Kathua participants form different states presented their paper technical session which was hosted by Dr. Madhu Choudhary Asstt. Proff. Lal Bahadur Shastri college of Education.

In the valedictory session Dr. Jaspal Singh, Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu was the chief guest of Valedictory session. Priyanka Sharma IQAC Coordinator of Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Education presented the report of the Seminar.

Dr. Jaspal Singh in his address congratulated the College Management for organizing such event on National Level In College and appreciated the efforts of the College management.

At last vote of thanks was presented by Harbans Singh Senior Administrator of the College. The Seminar was hosted by Poonam Verma and Nidhi Kharyal.

Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan Kathua elects district body

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KATHUA: A meeting was held in the premises of Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan Kathua to frame the District body of Satguru Kabir Sabha Kathua.

After discussion, Sabha unanimously elected T R Bhagat (ex. Chief Engineer) as Chairman, Prem Krishan Bhagat (Ret. Sub. Inspector) as President and Balbir Chand Bhagat (Teacher) as General secretary for the newly elected body of Shrimoni Sant Kabir Sabha Kathua.

Moreover Raj Kumar Bhagat unanimously decided to be the chairman of the advisory committee.

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