Unmatchable infra dev reflects Modi govt's holistic dev agenda for J&K: Zorawar, Balbir

SAMBA: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented and unmatchable development since the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the Centre took over the reins in 2014

"Our party embarked on a mission to usher in unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to transform the region's socioeconomic landscape. The BJP's unwavering commitment to development in J&K post Article-370 abrogation has marked a transformative phase for the region," said BJP leader and Co-Incharge, Jammu - Reasi-Samba Parliamentary Constituency, Zorawar Singh Jamwal slamming the opposition parties for their unfounded statements on infrastructural development in the Union Territory.

Zorawar Singh said Jammu and Kashmir is the only Union Territory



BJP leader and Co-Incharge, Jammu-Reasi-Samba Parliamentary Constituency, Zorawar Singh Jamwal speaking in a meeting.

of the country where two AIIMS-like institutions have been established. while the opening of IIT, IIM, new medical colleges at district level and other prestigious institutions is the clear reflection of the holistic development agenda of the Modi government to create not only a brighter future for the people of J&K but also ensuring their integration into the mainstream of country's growth story.

He also referred to the record-breaking tourist footfall in Jammu and Kashmir during the year

over 350 percent in foreign tourists was recorded while a highest ever of 2.11 crore tourists visited the Union Territory.

Co-Incharge, Ram Rattan, said the transformative change on the ground post-abrogation of Article 370 could be gauged from the fact that Jammu and Kashmir did not witness a single incident of stone pelting in 2023 while there was a 66 percent decline in terrorist incidents and an 81 percent drop in civilian killings.

"The statistics are a testimony to the established 2023 when an increase of peace and tranquility in

the region which used to witness bloodbath, stonepelting, and shutdowns on any given day due to misrule and mis-governance of the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre and the dynasty politics encouraged by the two families of Kashmir-Abdullah and Mufti families. The credit of this remarkable change on ground should be credited to the Prime Minister and Union $_{
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Minister," he said. While addressing the meeting of party workers and leaders at district headquarter, Supwal, in Samba district, the lead-

cadre to further speed up door to door campaign so that every citizen must be apprised of developmental works initiated by Modi led government at Centre and ensure hat trick of Parliamentary elections.

The meeting was also

addressed Constituency Vistarak, Inderjeet Sharma, District President Th. Kashmira Singh, District Vice President Advocate Jitender Sharma, District General Secretary Narinder Singh, District Secretary Media Swatantar Singh, District Spokesperson, Parveen Lata, Office Secretary Ranjeet Singh Salathia, Onkar Padha, District General Secretary, Mukul Padha, Social Media Incharge, Akshay Choudhary IT Incharge, Mohinderpal Bikka, Kisan Morcha District president, Narinder Singh, Kisan Morcha District General Secretary, Rajesh Upadhayaya, Ghagwal Mandal president and others.



RTO Jammu carried out safety audit of school buses, stress for creation of road safety clubs in school



Motor Vehicle Department officers with drivers of JKPS Kunjwani buses.

T R Gupta Trust organises medical camp at Gujroo Nagrota

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JAMMU: Continuing with its mission of outreach rural areas for medical attention, the TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust organized a free one day Multi-speciality medical camp at Gujroo Nagrota, Billawar in collaboration with Hari Prabhu Sanstha.

The Medical camp was inaugurated by I.D Soni, Chief Patron of Hari Prabhu Sanstha, Colonel Maan Singh former Chairman District Development Council and Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta Trustee of the TR Gupta Trust.

Other Trustees of T R Gupta Public Charitable Trust Naresh Gupta, S K Sharma and Kailash Three well known specialists. Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Paediatrician and ex- HOD Paediatrics GMC, Jammu, Dr Kuldeep Gubgotra Senior consultant & Physician specialist and Dr S S Padha Consultant Bone & Joint Specialist. They examined



Doctor examining a patient during a medical camp.

more than 300 patients who had thronged the camp site from adjoining areas for medical treatment. Provisions of blood tests and ECG were also made. Over 125 patients were benefited by this diagnostic facility. The Trust provided free medicines as prescribed by the special-

On the occasion, Dr Ashok Gupta spoke to the people about the deficiencies in the body and said that Anaemia was universal in almost all the children and adolescents, with haemoglobin as low as 5 gm seen in a few.

Majority of children

examined were underweight and stunted, but none was overweight or obese. Similar was the situation in adults especially females where haemoglobin ranged between 7 to 10, Dr Ashok said adding that all the children were given albendazole and iron folic acid supplementation and told to avoid junk food and eat homemade food.

To overcome this deficiencv, parents were advised to use Iron Utensils for cooking leafy vegetables, avoid tea and refined Sugar and instead use Gur Jaggery, drink safe drinking water etc, he said adding that some patients who needed

workup detailed advised to attend the Trust Clinic at Marble Market Jammu where various blood tests and USG will be done free of cost.

Dr Gupta further emphasized that one of the Trust objectives is to reach the unreached, underprivileged and provide them Medical help in far flung areas by holding such Medical camps

I D Soni lauded the initiative of T R Gupta Trust to reach out uncovered areas to extend specialised treatment to poor and needy rural people. This noble work taken up by the Trust needs to be extended that his Hari Prabhu Sanstha too is committed to the welfare of the people and was happy to be associated with the Trust.

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JAMMU: The Motor Vehicle Department,

under the guidance of Rajinder Singh Tara,

Transport Commissioner, KAS and Pankaj

Bagotra, RTO KAS Jammu, on Tuesday car-

ried out road safety audit of the school buses of

The safety audit comes after a circular has

been issued by the RTO Jammu over the safe-

ty of school buses in the region, prompting the

RTO to take proactive measures to address any

A surprise check of the school buses was car-

ried out by the team from RTO Jammu com-

prised of ARTO (Hq) Rehana Tabassam MVI

Surinder Kumar, Jagandeep Singh, AMVI

Amanish and MVTA Taranjot Ta wherein the

team checked the wearing of seat belts by the

drivers, first aid kit, emergency exists, fitness

certificate, driving licence, overall maintenance

and insurance of the buses, in compliance to the

Speaking on the occasion ARTO spoke in

Raman Pargal, Ajay Kumar Sharma, Basharat Hussain, Dipesh Kumar, Balvinder Kumar, Naresh Kumar, Punnu Ahirwal Trust staff attended the

All the logistics were provided by the Santha President S C Gupta & General Secretary Kuldeep Gupta and their other staff.

length about the signifiance of creation if road safety clubs in the schools which will play proactive role in imparting awareness about road safety among other school children.

The team also conducted an awareness program on road safety rules wherein they stressed upon wearing of seat belts, head lights, no overspeeding and need for attendants in Toddlers buses. They said, keeping in view the alarming cases of accidents and accidental death, we must follow the road safety rules strictly. The programme was attended by almost 59 drivers and helpers of the school buses. Other schools were safety audit was conducted included KC International school, Jodhamal, Delhi Public School Jammu.

Director JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary and School Principal, Rajesh Rathore apprised the transport authorities that every care is being taken for the safety and security of the kids at JK Public School. They assured full compliance of road safety rules in future also

Material & Emotional exploitation of voter citizen can be checked if government schools & hospitals are made to 'Deliver'

Govt. Schools are available still Child Education Allowance @Rs.2250 & Child HSA @ Rs 6750 is paid to Government Employees

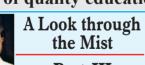
▶ Educational Empowerment of Socially-Economically-Administratively " Depressed Citizens" can only reduce their Exploitation

FEED BACK from ground can help PM's efforts for equipping weaker people with needed security of quality education & health

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ith the present status and acceptability of government schools whatever social support is there in terms reservations for SC/ ST/OBC/EOBC/ EWS it would make the subjects under reference only to be amongst the class IV jobs except a few amongst them who may be mostly from economically better subjects from amongst the "reserved categories". So the teaching and supervisory / administrative staff in school education department has be motivated/ made to deliver to the beneficiary students worth the wages and job security all are provided there. When managements of private schools /academies can make the teachers working there on meager salaries to deliver adequately why can those supervising . administering government schools make school teachers to deliver who are comparatively paid much high-

Not only that such state of affairs surely results in lesser awareness about their status / their rights in a socialist democratic republic like India and their competence to make decisions while electing the governments and evaluating the welfare schemes framed by governments. Nobody will deny that in India most of the elections are fought using the emotional cards & the economic compulsions of the masses and unless the masses are well supported by government by providing quality education through government schools by enforc-



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ing duty culture / commitment towards the job assigned at least worth the wages being paid both to the teaching & supervisory staff the socio economic backwardness of the masses of the quantum as we have in India will not reduce worth decreasing the numbers of 81 Crore economically handicapped Indian souls waiting every month to collect 5 kg free ration.

We need to make people capable for helping others which we can be made by equipping our people with minimum needed security of quality education and health . Economic stresses & poor nutrition also affect the health of individuals and the poor health affects the economic condition as well as available working hours worth saleable services one can make use of.

No doubt India has on paper created a very vast health infrastructure in the government sector but there too people do not hold adequate faith in the services being rendered by government hospitals inspite of reasonably good wages proportionate to the inputs from public exchequer resulting in common man losing faith in government hospitals inspite of the fact that many government hospitals may be having better infrastructure than

some private clinics but still even a laborer is found preferring visiting a private clinic unless one is totally penniless or the private clinic does not accept emergency case. So here too the responsibility for government hospitals losing public faith also lies on the supervisory / senior officers like Directors/ Secretaries/ Administrators.

It is not out of the place to mention here that 95 percent of patients do not need any specialized treatment / process but still they may be going to the private hospitals/clinics. Similarly more than 95 percent patients may not be needing very special/ critical care medicines / processes who could be served with medicines without any patent cover at very low / low nominal cost but that too is not happening which could be well seen from the medicines sold under the PM Bhartive Janaushadhi Pariyojna which was started in 2008 but since the government could not cultivate / enforce the culture of writing prescriptions by chemical / generic / technical / Active Ingredient name the share of the JA medicines is not even 0.5 percent of the allopathic medicines market even after 15 years of Government of India coming up in this trade tine through Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India i.e BPPI (now Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India -PMBI).

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