

Modi Govt committed to farmers' welfare, development of agriculture economy: Ashok Koul



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and others during a programme.

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BISHNAH: "Narendra Modi Government at centre is committed to the welfare of farmers and development of agriculture economy in the country. Since the BJP led Government came into power, it has been taking all necessary initiatives to boost and bolster the agricultural economy along with farmers' welfare schemes" stated Ashok Koul.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul accompanied by Kissan Morcha President Omi Khajuria (PM Kissan Scheme Incharge), SC Moreha President Prof. Gharu Ram, District President HS Pammi, Satish Pandit,

Ghar Singh, Yash Budda, Balbir Kour and other party leaders was addressing media persons after participating in several Kissan Labharthi Sammelans in various parts of the region.

Main programme in this regard was organized at Trewa Panchayat, Arnia, Bishnah in the leadership of Ashok Koul and Omi Khajuria.

Ashok Koul, while addressing briefed about the various farmer welfare schemes sponsored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government. He said that the schemes and initiatives by the government like Kissan Sammaan Nidhi, Kissan Credit Card, Kissan Fasal

Bima, Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), SVAMITVA Yojana, and many more such schemes are providing benefits to every farmer of the Nation.

Koul also said that BJP is observing Smajik Nyay Pakhwada for the 14 days in which every day one event is celebrated and ensured that the benefits of the related scheme or mission reaches the intended population. In the same series, he said that today, Kissan Labharthi Sammelans are being organized at various places across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Omi Khajuria told that the Kissan Labharthi Sammelans are being organized by the Kissan Morcha in all organizational districts in Jammu & Kashmir. Pro-Farmer policies of Narendra Modi Government has ensured that farmers are no longer victimized by any agency or any market, he said. Tarsem Lal, Naresh Kumar, Surinder Bhagat, Choudhary Bishan Lal, Atama Raj, Rajvant Singh Raj, Gurenderjeet Singh, Kashmir Singh and others were amongst the prominent leaders present in the programme.

Army organises painting & essay competition

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RAMBAN: As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' campaign, Indian Army organized a 'Painting & Essay Competition' at Govt Higher Secondary School, Rajgarh. A total of 40 students actively participated in the event. Aim of this competition is to enable the students to express their free thoughts and enhance the untapped potential of young free minds. The enthusiasm



Army officials along with participants during the event.

and creativity of children added to the charm of event. Locals and students

appreciated the importance of such innovative competitions and lauded

the efforts of Indian Army, providing exposure to young talent.

AYUSH Samba hosts health checkup camp for school children



Ayush official handing-over medicines to a student.

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SAMBHA: Department of AYUSH on Sunday organized a free health checkup camp at Government High School Palli, Bari Brahmana.

During the Free school health checkup camp, Dr. Nishpank Sharma, Medical Officer Government Ayush Dispensary, Koulpur and Pharmacist Hakam Din Malik, under supervision of Deputy Commissioner

Samba, gave lecture on healthy life style through positive intervention of AYUSH. The doctor spoke on holistic wellness through self care, & home remedies on the time tested traditional health systems in a cost effective way.

It is pertinent to mention here that Department of AYUSH, J&K, on the directions of Director AYUSH Dr. Mohan Singh, has adopted Panchayat Palli as AYUSH

GRAM, and various initiatives have been taken for transforming lives of rural people.

District Nodal Officer Ayush, Dr Vikram Singh Jamwal informed that a total 56 children participated in the camp in presence of headmistress of GHS Palli, Kamaljeet. The Nodal officer said students were screened for various deficiency diseases, Anemia, worms, ear infection, hand and foot diseases, jaundice, dwarfism etc.

Free Ayush immunity boosting medicines were distributed among the students and staff of school, he said.

A lecture was delivered by Dr Nishpank Sharma about common deficiencies, diseases and the way to cure it through healthy balanced diet, good lifestyle, including yoga in daily routine.

Army hosts Qaumi Ekta Meet

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REASI: Army is always in the forefront for promoting peace in the area by incorporating key personalities from various communities. In order to reinforce the spirit of communal harmony, Indian Army organised a Kaumi Ekta Meet at Saldhar and Gulabgarh to provide a platform for opinion makers and local populace to interact with each other on various issues related to development in the region.

A total of 35 locals attended the meet which included 02 Panch, 02 Sarpanch, 05 VDC members, 07 Ward Members, 17 locals and 02 Maulavis. The initiative would assist in promoting harmony in the area and assist Indian Army in further strengthening its connect with AWAM.

Multifarious activities mark day 10 of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in district Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: As part of month-long Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, a wide range of activities were organised in different blocks of District Kishtwar by the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj in collaboration with other line Department, PRI institutions under the close supervision of Panchayat Mentors.

At block Paddar, massive cleanliness drives were conducted across all Panchayats of the Block which witnessed

huge participation of locals. The event was held in collaboration with PRIs and under the close supervision of the Block Development officer, Paddar D M Affaqi.

Similarly, a special Awareness camp on oline fraud (Cyber Crimes) was organised at panchayat Rahalthal of block Mughal Maidan, by CRISIL Foundation under the Supervision of LDM Kishtwar Nasir Bhat.

A financial literacy camp for opening of accounts,

social security schemes, Mudra Loans etc was also organised at Village Suzna Palmar by CRISIL Foundation under the supervision of Lead District Manager.

Likewise, cleanliness drive besides awareness cum registration camp for enrolling the beneficiaries under various pro-people welfare scheme prescribed under 100 points programme were also conducted across the district under the guidance of Nodal officer/DPO Kishtwar Sunil

Bhutyal and under the overall supervision of District Development Commissioner Kishtwar Ashok Sharma. The camp was held with an aim to realise the quantifiable results under various indicators of the 100 point programme under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in the district.

Besides, the Panchayats secretariats were established at the designated places in each panchayat to extend all the public services to the people at their doorstep through a common Platform.

Reasi Admn set to host 2-day Baisakhi Mela at Bhingarh Fort

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REASI: District Administration Reasi, in collaboration with Tourism department, is all set to organise a grand mela at Bhingarh Fort on the eve of Baisakhi from April 13 to 14, 2022.

The mela shall act as an event of censure for the visitors. Different departments will showcase their products and schemes for the benefit of the general public.

The mela is also expected to act as a stimulus to boost tourism potential of the area and will help in reviving the historical significance of the iconic fort. The event would be celebrated with pomp and gaiety at the designated site. Such events help us to preserve and transmit our rich culture. Reasi district of J&K is said to be the hub of religious spots.

This district is blessed with numerous religious spots and every year lakhs of devotees from across the nation visit the district.

AJK Gaddi Sabha celebrates 41st Foundation Day

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UDHAMPUR: All Jammu & Kashmir Gaddi Sabha (AJKGS) celebrated 41st Foundation Day on Sunday with great zeal and fervor in Udhampur, in which a large number of Gaddi community people hailing from all over JKUT and rest of states participated. Function started after paying homage to founder president Thakur Dass and vice-president Devi Ram Chouhan by Gaddi masses and dignitaries of community and paid floral tribute to noble souls. All members observed two minutes silence to pay honour both founder leaders. On this occasion Ex MLA Bani, Jeevan Lal was the chief Guest, while Panchayat and District Development Council members namely Pinky Devi DDC Latti-Marothi, DDC Narsoo Subash Chander, and DDC from Bani Kishore Lalhal were present and decorated the celebration. Kuldeep Kumar State Youth President of AJKGS said famous singer from



Members of Sabha during the event at Udhampur.

Himachal Pradesh, Er. Thakur Singh Rehloo along with team members and Brother's Band from Shawpur Himachal Pradesh presented the cultural items in Gaddi language. They presented an attractive cultural program in Gaddi dialect and traditional attire by depicting the real life of the Gaddi people residing in remote corners of the state of Himachal Pradesh and UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Noted Gaddi singer Er. Shri Thakur Singh Rehloo and others enthralled the audience and kept them spell bound with their sweet and melodious voice. Dignitaries of AJKGS and prominent personalities among Gaddi community were honored

with Shawls and awards for their achievements and their contribution for uplifting and their services to Community. Those who were honored were Pinky Devi DDC Latti-Marothi, DDC Narsoo, Subash Chander and DDC from Malhar Bani Kishore Lalhal. The meritorious students from the community also honoured with certificates. Those spoke on the occasion were Hans Raj, Paras Ram, Dr. RD Chark, BR Chark, Er. Kewal Krishan, Sarpanch Bimal Kumar, Kuldeep Raj Sarpanch, DDC, Prem Chand, Parveen Jaryal, Kuldeep Kumar Youth President All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi Sabha presented the vote of thanks.

122 vaccinated, 1,831 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department on Sunday administered Covid Vaccine doses to 122 persons in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement

Covid protocol, the Enforcement teams fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance. The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of

Rs. 3800 from violators. The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban,

Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1831 samples including 497 RT-PCR and 1334 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 122 persons at the dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Nagar Kirtan taken out from Tanda to Sunderbani

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SUNDERBANI: In connection with birth of 'Khalsa Panth', the Sikh community on Sunday took out an impressive Nagar-Kirtan from village Tanda to Sunderbani town here today.

The Nagar Kirtan was taken out from Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Tanda to Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Sunderbani in connection of birth of the 'Khalsa Panth'. It was on April 13, 1699 that 'Amrit Sanchar' was administered by Tenth Guru, Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji to the Panj Payares (The warriors).

A large number of devotees joined the religious procession. Shri Guru Granth Sahib was placed



Panj Piyare leading the Nagar Kirtan at Sunderbani.

on a decorated vehicle and Ragi Jathas were accompanying, followed by Sikh Sangat. The Sikh youth displayed martial art which was main public attraction of the programme. A few youth were injured with sword during the programme. A large number of Sikh community people from adjoining

villages of Thanda Pani, Marchola, Tanda, Benigala and other areas Gurudwara Singh Sabhas. The Nagar Kirtan was started after 'Ardas' by Granthi of Gurudwara Sahib S. Ravinder Singh in presence of president of Gurudwara Singh Sabha Tanda.

A highly decorated char-

iot was created by using open vehicle where the Holy Guru Granth Sahib was placed. It was fitted with loud speakers and several religious personalities of the Sikh community were leading the Nagar Kirtan and reciting Gurbani Shabad Kirtan. In front of the vehicle, 'Panj Payare' attired in a traditional dress of warriors carrying swords in hands, were leading the procession. A good response from administration Sunderbani said Sikh sangat of this programme.

PM Modi's Jammu visit after Art-370's end significant for BJP cadre: Langeh

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RAMBAN: Neelam Langeh, former Legislator Ramban on Sunday said that the upcoming visit of PM Narendra Modi to Jammu will provide much needed spark to BJP cadre and can prove to be a game changer for the party.

In a statement issued to media persons, Langeh said that the people of UT of J&K especially BJP cadre is waiting for this moment to give rousing reception to the Prime Minister Modi for his immense contribution in putting back on tracks the Jammu and Kashmir after taking revolutionary steps including abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A.

The former BJP MLA said that the party cadre is upbeat over PM Modi's Jammu visit and therefore to make this visit a grandiose one, it is necessary that ground level workers of the party should ensure colossal gathering on April 24 at the rally site so that the whole country can have the idea that how much love the people of J&K accord to the best PM which the country saw till date.

The senior BJP leader said that India witnessed unmatched progress under PM Modi and still the country is treading towards unprecedented development with full force especially the J&K which remained a victim of dynastic politics and indifference of successive governments in the last over 70 years. He said that the Jammu visit of PM Modi is quite significant for the BJP cadre as it is likely to enthuse added vigour and zest among the party stakeholders to ensure thumping victory in the upcoming elections both Assembly and Lok Sabha as and when the same will be held.

Illegal construction demolished on Bhadarwah road



Admn team after demolishing illegal structure.

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DODA: Going tough against encroachers, District Administration Doda on Sunday demolished an illegally constructed structure raised

at village Nai Dangri on Bhaderwah road.

On the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Sharma and under the supervision of Tehsildar Doda, Shabir

Ahmed Malik, a team of officials of Revenue & GREF officials headed by Naib Tehsildar Pranoo, Mohd Aasim conducted the demolition drive. A team of police was also deployed at the site to avoid any untoward incident.

The land grabber had raised the temporary structure during night time on the State land. A JCB of GREF Department was put on job and the structure was demolished. Tehsildar Doda has warned that strict action will continue and no one will be spared for encroaching state land.

Motor Cycle rally hosted to commemorate Rajouri Day

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RAJOURI: 'Ace of Spade Gunners' on Sunday organised a five-day bike rally of 22 Riders drawn from across the country to commemorate Rajouri Day and pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

The rally commenced from Jammu yesterday and a formal Flag- Off ceremony by

Convener, FWO and GOC, Ace of Spades Division was conducted at Prayer Hill, Rajouri today on April 10 2022.

The riders will travel to forward locations along the LoC to express solidarity with our Armed forces. The rally will cover a total distance in excess of 1000 kilometers and travel across Naushera, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Nagrota and will culminate during Rajouri Day festivities at ALG ground, Rajouri on 13 Apr 22.

The ride showcases 'The Badalta Kashmir' to the nation and the brave riders intend to deliver a message to the soldiers guarding our frontiers that the whole country stands in solidarity with them.

Tulip Festival- 2022 held at Sanasar



Artists performing a folk item during the fest.

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UDHAMPUR: To attract tourists to Sanasar, the Tourism Department, in collaboration with 8 Sherpa, on Sunday hosted Tulip Festival-2022 at one of the famous tourist destinations of Jammu Division.

The Main attraction of the festival was cultural

programmes and sporting events like Tug of War, Zipline and Paragliding.

The event witnessed a series of scintillating cultural performances by the renowned and local artists of Jammu Division including Varsha Jamwal, which was highly applauded by one and all. The local PRIs and visi-

tors coming from different parts of the country appreciated the Tourism Department and the 8 Sherpa organization for holding the Tulip Festival, 2022. The visitors also enjoyed adventure sporting events amid the scenic locations.

The PRIs and locals expressed their gratitude to the Floriculture department for developing a beautiful blooming Tulip garden at Sanasar which helped to attract tourist footfall in the early tourists season of March and April. Meanwhile, a huge number of Locals and tourists currently in Sanasar thronged to get a glimpse of the blooming tulips in the garden.

Workshop on smart teaching concludes at BGSBU

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RAJOURI: One week workshop on towards smart teaching concluded at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri. The workshop was organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, BGSBU. More than 100 participants from different institutions across the country participated in the workshop. Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University congratulated the organising committee on the successful completion of the workshop. Prof. Akbar said that continuous professional development is an important aspect to stay updated on new teaching methods to ensure quality education. Prof. Akbar hoped that the workshop modules might have enabled and equipped the teachers to overcome their technological challenges. M.K. Naseerall, author and trainer was the resource person during the workshop. He delivered interactive lectures on variety of themes including E-content development and editing; Learning Management System; Online Communication; Engaging Presentation; Enhancing Teamwork; Digital Assessment and Virtual Classroom.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Coordinator IQAC presented the workshop report. Dr. Javid Iqbal, Coordinator of the workshop conducted the proceedings of the valedictory session.

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