

PM Modi addresses issues of refugees, border people: Ravinder Raina



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slatia during a Sammelan at Samba.

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RAMGARH: Addressing the Refugees Sammelan at Ramgarh, the border area of District Samba, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has continuously addressed the issues of Refugees, border people, and other communities.

Ravinder Raina was accompanied by Former Minister and BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slatia, BJP District President Thakur Kashmira Singh, DDC Anita Choudhary, BDC Darshan Singh, Sr leader Vijay Singh, Prem Lal, Amit Dubey, and BJP Mandal President Shiv Choudhary.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the Sammelan said that the BJP government is dedicated to the welfare of every section. He said that the Modi government has continuously addressed the issues of Refugees, border people, and other communities. He said

that the benefits to the IB residents on the pattern of LoC residents have only been considered by the Modi government. He said that Modi ji has ensured the benefits of public welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Prime Minister Awas Yojana, PM Ann Yojana, and others.

Raina said that for the first time in history since 1947, the Refugees are being given true benefits. Financial assistance to 1947, 1965, and 1971 PoJK, WPR refugees with the humanitarian approach and due regards and respects has been considered only with the particular attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. He insisted that all the other important issues of these communities are being considered by the Modi government and BJP leadership in Jammu & Kashmir at a war-footing level as the BJP is committed to the welfare of Border residents and Refugees.

Slatia, while addressing the

gathering, said that the Modi government has taken revolutionary and unprecedented steps at the ground level to boost the development in these areas. He said that no area would be left without adequate facilities of water, roads, electricity, and other absolutely necessary infrastructure. He also said that the Modi government has given benefits to every section of society. He also spoke about the inclusion of the OBC category. He stressed that the conspiracy behind the shifting of Ramgarh College would not be successful at any cost.

Kashmira Singh spoke on the role of BJP workers in the ground implementation of the public welfare schemes. He assured the senior party leadership that BJP workers will leave no stone unturned to reach up to every single home in the area.

Anita Choudhary spoke on the local development works related to improved roads, availability of homes under PMAY, Swachh Bharat, and other projects.

Modi Govt's Rs 5018 cr budget for Agri, allied sectors guarantee to farmers' welfare: Jugal

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SAMBA: Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma on Sunday said that the Rs 5018 crore budget allotted by Narendra Modi Government for Agriculture and allied sectors is a guarantee to welfare of farmers in J&K.

The Member Parliament was speaking during a programme organized in Samba by BJP Kissan Morcha to promote organic farming and improving livestock conditions.

It is pertinent to mention that BJP Kissan Morcha under the stewardship of its President Sarabjit Singh Johal had organized several events at district and Mandal levels across the Union Territory.

The programme held in Samba was specifically designed for the promotion of organic farming. District President Samba, Mohinder Sharma conceived and organized the event. Ex minister Chander Prakash Ganga, Kashmir Singh, District President Samba, Sunil Shastri District President Rural also attended the programme.

Addressing an impressive gathering of party workers and the local farming community, the Member Parliament Jugal asserted that it is



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and others during an event at Samba.

for the first time in the history of J&K that such a big amount has been sanctioned for agriculture and allied sectors. He said that the framers of the UT should be rest assured that there is no dearth of funds as far as support to farmers, orchardists and livestock rearers is concerned.

Sarabjit Singh Johal laid stress on organic farming and availing the benefits of schemes meant for bovine animals for areas especially falling under the kandi and plain belts. He asked Morcha members to proactively participate in promoting the BJP's pro-farmers schemes so that the food producers get maximum benefit of such schemes.

Naming the schemes meant for

tiller community and allied sectors including National Agriculture Market (eNAM), National Mission For Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Gramin Bhandaran Yojna, Livestock Insurance Scheme, Scheme on Fisheries Training and Extension, National Scheme on Welfare of Fishermen, Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF), PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana, Johal said that first time in the history of the country so much has been accomplished by the

government to ensure welfare of farmers. He said that people should extend wholehearted support to the BJP government at all the platforms to ensure that farmers and all mother sections of society get their due rights and facilities because no other party can guarantee all this in one go.

Prominent among those who were present include Harbans Choudhary and Rohit Verma Vice Presidents, Suresh Kumar Sharma Secretary Kissan Morcha, Asha Sharma, DDC Member and Spokesperson Kissan Morcha and Radhey Shyam, BDC Chairman and Spokesperson Kissan Morcha.

Later, Member Parliament Jugal Kishore along with Johal addressed another programme at Bishnah which was organised under the chairmanship of Rakesh Pant, General Secretary BJP Kissan Morcha J&K.

Jugal asked people to focus on millets and consume Mota Anaj which is beneficial for health as per the experts of the field. He said that organic farming is key to farmers' welfare and a healthy society thus making it imperative to opt for the same as far as possible.

Special Summary Revision camps held across Kishtwar to register new voters

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KISHTWAR: Election Returning Officers (EROs) Inderjeet Singh Parihar (49-Kishtwar), Varunjeet Singh Charak (50-Inderval), and Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma (48-Paddar Nagseni), along with Assistant Election Returning Officers (AEROs) of three Assembly constituencies of Kishtwar district, inspected Special Summary Revision camps being held at all polling stations in the district.

The camps were organised for the registration of new voters and necessary modifications and identification of Persons with Disabilities in the electoral rolls.

Special camps were organised in all three constituencies; 48-Inderval, 49-Kishtwar and 50-



Officials along with newly enrolled voters.

Paddar-Nagseni, at 388 polling stations in Kishtwar district. Eligible youths showed enthusiastic participation to register themselves as new voters. Booth Level Officers and Supervisors were present on duty at their respective village or polling station from 10am to 5pm with electoral rolls and requisite forms.

All EROs and AEROs, as well as Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (Nodal Officer for SVEEP) Akhter

Hussain Qazi, visited various polling booths to oversee the Summary Revision process.

During the visit, officers dispensed requisite forms to new voters and encouraged them to register themselves and their peers who have attained eligible age as of April 1st.

The Booth Level Officers were instructed to work with utmost dedication and caution in registering new voters, correcting and deleting any errors and identify-

DC Doda reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission; plans daily virtual visit of works



DC Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting at Doda.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, who also serves as Chairman of the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) under the Jal Jeevan Mission, reviewed the implementation of the mission in the district in a meeting held at the district headquarters. The Deputy Commissioner emphasised adherence to timelines for all projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 150 have been allotted, Letters of Intent have been issued for 9 works, and work is ongoing on 137 projects. All Jal Jeevan Mission

works must be completed by the end of June this year, emphasised the DC. Engineers of the Jal Shakti Department in Doda have been instructed to send their four calendars to their work sites and the Deputy Commissioner will personally visit Jal Jeevan Mission works virtually every day at 5pm. Assistant Executive Engineers have been instructed to visit concerned Divisional Forest Officers tomorrow to resolve issues for the smooth completion of Water Supply Schemes passing through forest areas. The meeting was attended by ADDC, CPO, SE Jal Shakti, Ex Ens of JSD/ Irrigation/ Ground Water/ Mechanical, DFO Doda/ Bhaderwah/ Batote, AEEs, AEs, and JEs of JSD and other concerned officials.

DC Doda chairs meeting on PMAY (G); interacts with beneficiaries, appellants

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, chaired a meeting of the District Level Appellate Committee members for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Gramin. A virtual interaction was also held with PMAY (G) beneficiaries and appellants to listen to their grievances. The Committee accepted the recommendations of Block and Panchayat level verification committees to delete 2372 ineligible cases from the permanent wait list of 21421 beneficiaries under PMAY (G) in the district. The Deputy Commissioner instructed officials to check and verify all cases properly for sanctioning, strictly following PMAY (G) guidelines. He directed that all those who do not fulfill the eligibility criteria for benefits under the scheme be excluded. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner complimented the entire team of the Rural Development Department in Doda for achieving 92% of their targets in the last financial year 2022-23. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Doda Pran Singh; Assistant Commissioner Doda, Phulail Singh; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Ashfaq Khanji, BDOs and other concerned officers.

Additional Secretary reviews electoral roll revision in Kathua



Addl Secy, CEO Sandesh Gupta during visit to Kathua.

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KATHUA: Additional Secretary, Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Sandesh Gupta visited Kathua district to review the ongoing Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls that began on 5 April 2023.

During his visit, Gupta interacted with locals while encouraging them for participating in the electoral process. He inspected several polling stations including HSS Girls Kathua, Old Age Home, Animal Husbandry Office Shiva Nagar, Sheep Husbandry Office, Kalbari, Industrial Area-Logate, DIC Kathua, Logate CFC, Lachhipur and Barnoti. Gupta high-

lighted that claims and objections can be filed both online and offline.

He encouraged stakeholders and officers to participate in the revision exercise to ensure maximum enrolment of eligible voters. He also emphasised the importance of facilitating unregistered youth and the general public through house-to-house campaigning.

Election officials were directed to create awareness through various SVEEP activities related to special summary revision and ensure timely disposal of claims and objections as prescribed by the Election Commission of India.

The Additional Secretary was accompanied by District Election Officer, and Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey; Deputy DEO, Danish Rasool, Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers.

In the meantime, special camps were conducted at all designated polling stations throughout the administrative units of Kathua district as part of the ongoing SSR. BLOs and election staff were present with voter lists for public inspection and to receive applications for additions, deletions, corrections and transfers of names in electoral rolls through the completion of prescribed forms such as Form-6, Form-7 and Form-8.

District Election Cell teams also enlightened visitors to polling stations about the importance of conscientiously exercising their right to vote and contributing to the democratic process of electing representatives without bias.

Special Summary Revision -2023: DEO Ramban inspects polling stations

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RAMBAN: District Election Officer, Ramban Mussarat Islam visited various polling stations in Ramban district to oversee the ongoing Special Summary Revision during special camps.

Among others, the District Election Officer was accompanied by Deputy District Election Officer Lal Chand; Electoral Registration Officer, Gias-ul-Haq and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, Rafiq Ahmad and officials of district Election department.

During the visit, the DEO inspected polling stations in Assembly Constituency - 54, Ramban. These included UPS Govindpora (Polling Station No. 83), GPS Garh (Polling Station No. 95), GMS Maitra (Polling Station No. 94), GGMS Maitra-A (Polling Station No. 96), GHSS Ramban (Polling Station No. 59) and GHSS Ramban-A (Polling Station No. 60). The DEO enquired



DEO Mussarat Islam visiting a polling station in Ramban.

about the pace of electoral roll updates from Booth Level Officers (BLOs). BLOs were instructed to educate the public and eligible youth about the ongoing revision and focus on registering all eligible voters. They were also asked to update voter information, including deletions, corrections and Aadhaar number seeding, and to identify PwD and 80+ year voters.

BLOs were instructed to ensure that their polling stations have Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) such as drinking water, electricity, ramps, toilets and furniture.

They were also asked to report any necessary repairs or renovations during the Gram Sabha of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDPD).

A team headed by ERO (Sub Divisional Magistrate) AC-55, Banihal visited various polling stations in the respective assembly constituency to inspect special camps held to register eligible youth as voters. AEROs (Tehsildars) also visited polling stations in their respective jurisdictions to monitor the Special Summary Revision exercise during the special camp.

Ashok Parmar visits Rajouri; assesses development projects, public issues

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RAJOURI: Principal Secretary, ARI and Training Department (District Prabhari),

Ashok Parmar on Sunday visited Rajouri district and took a comprehensive review of physical and financial progress on development projects and schemes being implemented in the district.

During a meeting held in this regard, Principal Secretary emphasized interdepartmental coordination as crucial towards resolving developmental bottlenecks besides ensuring timely completion of works.

Principal Secretary exhorted upon the officers to make dedicated efforts



Principal Secretary, ARI and Trainings Department (District Prabhari), Ashok Parmar chairing a meeting.

towards ensuring prompt and quality services to the general public.

He stressed on the need for taking effective measures to redress the genuine grievances of the public in a time bound

manner.

Principal Secretary appreciated the district administration and Jal Shakti Department for progress achieved under Jal Jeevan Mission.

He asked the concerned

officers to keep working with the same zeal for successful implementation of JJM in the district so that all the households of the district are provided with functional tapped water connections.

He asked the officers to educate the public about the welfare initiatives being implemented by the government and ensure that maximum beneficiaries are covered under these schemes. He also directed them to personally visit all the works of their departments and regularly review progress

for expeditious completion of works. He also stressed on judicious utilization of funds provided for execution of development projects.

DDC Chairman, Advocate Chowdhary Naseem Liyaqat, DDC members and BDC Chairpersons also highlighted a number of development issues concerning their respective areas.

The public representatives highlighted a number of issues and demands including speedy implementation of JJM projects, sanctioning of addi-

tional Anganwadi centres, dilapidated condition of roads and school buildings, replacement of worn out water pipes, construction of building for GDC Doongi, timely completion of work on office building of BDC Siot and related matters.

Earlier, District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, briefed about the physical and financial progress achieved under various schemes and programs being implemented by different departments in the

district through power point presentation during the meeting.

Among the others who attended the meeting were DDC members Rajouri, Thanamandi and Moughla, BDC members Moughla, Rajouri, Sunderbani, Nowshera, Doongi, Siot, Plangarh, Manjakote, Dhangri and Seri.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer, ASP, SE Hydraulics, ACD, ACP, DMO, CMO, DSWO and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

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