

# Far flung, hilly areas witnessed unprecedented dev in Modi era: Jugal

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CHHAMB: BJP candidate for Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, addressed series of public meetings while campaigning in Badui, Teehdawan Nardi, Maira Mandrian, Gratal, Ardhan, kathaar, kayur, Gangal, Majur, Ghar. Kanedi, Chowki Choura in Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura blocks of Chhamb assembly constituency on Sunday.

He was accompanied by DDC Vice Chairman, Suraj Singh, DDC member Pandit Suresh Sharma, Akhnoor district president Rajiv Sharma, district prabhari Brijeshwar Singh Rana and other leaders.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while addressing these public meetings, said that the BJP-led NDA government, under PM Narendra Modi, has bridged the gap between the urban and far flung, hilly



BJP candidate for Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma and others during public rally at Chhamb.

areas by extending numerous development projects. He said that during the last about ten years, unprecedented development has been seen in all such area which were deprived of even basic amenities by the successive governments of Congress and regional parties. He said that a large number of road connectivity projects have provided better and smooth means of travel and transportation, drinking water through tap have reached the

people. Toilets, houses to poor, free gas cylinders to BPL families have been provided. Every citizen in all the areas have been provided Ayushman Gold health card for free healthcare facility, new schools have been constructed and existing ones upgraded.

Jugal said that people in entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir are joining BJP in large numbers as they are inspired by the good governance model of

PM Narendra Modi. Hundreds of prominent leaders of Congress and other parties have willingly shifted their loyalty towards BJP to contribute in nation building and also see the UT to continue on fast track development.

For the first time, the people of this erstwhile state, have witnessed real development in all spheres. Whatever has been done during the last ten years for Jammu and Kashmir, particularly after the abrogation of

Article 370, itself speaks of the concern and commitment of the BJP government towards making it progress and prosper. He said that what would have been impossible during the times of Congress, the BJP has made it happen. He said that the Modi government took democracy to the grassroot level by holding elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions for the first time.

"The days of backwardness and underdevelopment of the remote, hilly areas are over under Modi era", Jugal said and added that the people are leading dignified lives and expressing gratitude to BJP and PM Narendra Modi. Jugal appealed the people to vote BJP and provide him another opportunity to serve them as victory of BJP would mean continuation of more development projects and public welfare for next five years.

# DPAP accuses Congress of projecting communal leaders

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BANIHAL: Chief Spokesperson of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Salman Nizami, while addressing party workers in Khari Banihal has strongly criticized the Congress party for its endorsement of communal leaders, particularly in the Udhampur-Doda constituency. Nizami expressed deep concern over Congress's resort to divisive politics, which he believes reflects their acceptance of defeat in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He emphasized that promoting communal politics out of frustration not only undermines the democratic ethos but also betrays a lack of constructive ideas and vision. He urged political parties to focus on inclusive policies and development agendas rather than divisive tactics that harm social harmony. Nizami called upon the workers and the public of Banihal to extend their support to G.M. Saroori, the DPAP candidate contesting in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He emphasized



sized Saroori's reputation for integrity and dedication, describing him as a principled and hardworking leader. He assured the electorate that Saroori, if elected to Parliament, would effectively advocate for and address the pressing issues faced by the constituency on a national platform.

Nizami acknowledged the significant role played by DPAP leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, highlighting Azad's vocal opposition to the abrogation of Article 370 and his consistent efforts against local evictions. He emphasized that DPAP is the foremost party championing critical public issues

across various platforms. He emphasized that DPAP's advocacy extends beyond rhetoric, with tangible actions aimed at addressing societal challenges and fostering inclusive governance. Nizami called upon the public to recognize DPAP's track record of standing up for the people's rights and urged their continued support for the party's endeavors in driving positive change and progress. Among others who were present on the occasion were Fayaz Naik DDC, Munner Bhat, Alyas Banihal, Dr Asif Khanday, Bashir Ahmed Naik, Ayoub Naik, Khurshid Sehmat, Asghar Rasool and others.

# Literacy, health wellness drive held for nomads community



Army officials along with nomads during the programme.

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AKHNOOR: Army organised a free Literacy and Health Wellness Drive for the Bakkarwal community at Village Dhanwal Akhnoor, Jourian and Bhalwalto foster everlasting bond between Army and Bakkarwal community. Free medicines for humans and livestock were distributed, ensuring access

to essential healthcare services. Books too in vernacular language were provided to the children to improve literacy and education for community. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Bakkarwal community.

The distribution of medicines and books underscores the Indian Army's commitment to serving and strengthening

the community in the state. Spokesperson for the Indian Army, expressed gratitude to all individuals involved in making the campaign a resounding success. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering holistic development and developing community bonds.

The Indian Army remains dedicated to undertaking similar initiatives in the future, reaffirming its commitment to supporting marginalized communities and promoting their wellbeing. The head of the tribe appreciated this thoughtful gesture and said that these initiatives will not only promote literacy but also ensure access to healthcare, fostering stronger bonds and empowerment within the community.

# Preference to local youth in all recruitments my priority: Ch Lal Singh

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HIRANAGAR: Ch. Lal Singh, two times former MP, and three times Ex. Cabinet Minister and Congress candidate for Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency addressed a series of roadshows meetings and public rallies enrooted from Rajbagh, Mirpur, Mangatian, Chann Rorian, Bann, Seswan, Chandwan, Chann Datyal, Chadwal, Dayala Chack, Talli, Jasrota Palace, Patyari, Mela, Hiranagar Morh, Hiranagar City, Gura Mundiyan, Kootah and culminated in Chhan Khatrian. While addressing a huge gathering at Hiranagar City, Ch Lal Singh said that BJP which ruled the nation for 10 years and indulged only in vote bank politics, exploita-



Former MP, Ch. Lal Singh addressing a rally at Hiranagar.

tion of masses and communal policies. They divided people on the name of religion and caste as it fitted their policy of vote bank. Ch. Lal Singh said that that present MP discusses Amethi in Kathua and Udampur and forgets that he has given toll plazas to the people of J&K. Mutations of lands of the poor people of the con-

stituency have been canceled and now the poor people cannot plough the land which they were doing since independence. During the time of elections the present MP starts demanding the district status for the people of Basholi. When BJP has taken away 370 and reorganized the state, what the present MP was doing during this period?

Can't he grant the district status to Basholi? Ch. Lal Singh Said the Congress is the party of the poor while the BJP exists to serve only the big businessmen. BJP government has sold the public assets and all the resources of the Jammu and Kashmir to big corporate and their friends. He further lambasted that if this dictatorial form of the government has done so much of the developments then why are they running away from the assembly elections for the last 10 years.

Addressing a huge gathering in Hiranagar town, Ch. Lal Singh reiterated that if voted to power, the present administrative apparatus which is in deep slumber for the last 10 years will not merely wake

up but would reach to the people's doorstep to address their grievances. He further said that local employees which has been totally neglected and sidelined by the present regime will be given due respect and honor. He also assured the youth present in the gathering that all the companies which are working in this region would have to recruit the local youth on priority.

Meanwhile Kanta Andotra Ex MLA instigated the campaign in favour of Ch. Lal Singh by addressing a series of meeting at various places in the Hiranagar which included Korepunnu, Dollia Jattan, Chak Sotra, Chak Shama, Mukandpur, Salapur, Hariachak, Sultan pur, and Chak Mansa.

# Hindi street play ‘Matdaan’ staged at various places of district Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Administration Udhampur organized street play at various places of the District Udhampur i.e. Sudhmahadev, Latti, Basantgarh, Ram Nagar, Ghordi Mansar Lake and Garh Sanna Banj and was staged by Sangam theatre group Reasi.

On the occasion at Basant Garh, Saloni Rai IAS District Development Commissioner Udhampur was the chief guest while Mohd Rafiq Jaral (JKAS) SDM Ram Nagar presided over the function. SDM Basant Garh Walid-ul-Rehman (JKAS) and



Dignitaries along with artists during the event.

Joginder Singh, SSP Udhampur was the special guest. On the occasion at Sudhmahadev Sh Pankaj Singh Bahu Tehsildar

Chanani and Davinder Singh CEO PDA along with other officers present.

The play Matdaan was based on evictions promotion

Characters stressing for more and more participation of people in election and cost the vote properly in free, fair and ethical manner and every eligible voter to get registered in the voters list. The play also depicts right of the voter and how to elect the right candidate.

The play was written and Directed By M. Akram Khan Khan. This was the first of its production staged in this part of the region and was highly appreciated by the people of this areas.

Those who acted in different roles included Varun Khajuria, Raja AAmir Khan, Priya Kumari, Anamika devi, Neha Devi, Anuradha Devi,

Nedhi Thakur, M. Jackson and M.Akram Khan. Anil Kumar was coordinator of the production. On the occasion Chief Guest appreciated the affords made by the organizers and thanked the participants especially organizing groups who staged such a wonderful street play. District Administration, officers, local public, students and teachers witness the play the play and appreciated.

The play was highly like by the audience who non-stop clapped for the participants who portrayed every character expertly. The same play to be stage at, Tikri, Neel Nallah Kambal danga, Gole Market Udhampur on 1st. April 2024.

# Army imparts commercial stitching course

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AKHNOOR: Army has been undertaking Sadhbavana Projects in multifarious domains for engaging youth, women empowerment, employment generation, infrastructure development, provisioning of basic amenities, educational projects to count a few. Vocational Training Institutes have also been created as part of the same and a large number of courses have been run for all sections of the society accruing massive benefits. Unit deployed on Line of Control adjoining remote border villages of Budhwal, Gigriya of Khaur Tehsil, envisioned entrepreneurship for the female folk and organized an

eight week long Commercial Stitching Course at Vocational Training Centre, Budhwal.

National Skill Development accredited course had a well-crafted curriculum with an aim to create a garment production line with target customers as Schools of the area where liaison was established for sale of all kinds of school uniforms, which is a cyclic and reoccurring requirement and has the potential of transforming into a self-sustaining commercial venture. Procurement of modern state of art stitching equipment was done, qualified instructors provided extensive practice of stitching.

Industrial visit to a gar-

ment factory in Bari Brahmana as part of the course, provided the participants with correct understanding of the line based garment manufacturing process. Such meaningful and result oriented projects undertaken by the Indian Army have been winning 'Hearts and Minds' of resident populace. The Commercial Stitching Course opened an avenue for women of underdeveloped border areas towards huge revenue generation model and steered them towards the path of financial independence, eventually contributing towards 'National building and Women Empowerment'.

# Army revitalizes four gates at LC fence in Poonch

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POONCH: Army continues its unwavering commitment to serving the nation with the launch of its latest initiative. In line with the ethos, the Army has undertaken a transformative project aimed at enhancing the quality of life for citizens residing in remote regions.

As part of the #WeCare campaign, the Indian Army has recently revitalized four gates at the LC fence located in Poonch. The rejuvenation efforts encompass a comprehensive upgrade of infrastructure and amenities, underscoring the Army's dedication to ensuring the welfare and comfort of all citizens, especially those in underserved areas.

The revamped facilities boast aesthetically pleasing gate structures, designed to elevate the visual appeal of the surroundings. Moreover, special attention has been given to addressing the needs of female

visitors, with improved wash-room facilities tailored to enhance convenience and hygiene standards.

Recognizing the importance of providing a seamless experience for visitors, the initiative includes the establishment of a dedicated waiting area, equipped with comfortable seating arrangements. Additionally, provisions for water facilities have been augmented, ensuring that visitors have access to clean and safe drinking water during their time at the AIOS.

One of the key highlights of the project is the integration of RFID card facilities, aimed at

reducing waiting times and streamlining entry processes. This technological innovation not only enhances operational efficiency but also reflects the Army's commitment to leveraging modern solutions for the benefit of the community.

Through initiatives such as #WeCare, the Indian Army reaffirms its role not only as a defender of the nation but also as a compassionate force dedicated to the well-being of its citizens. The revitalization of infrastructure in remote areas underscores the Army's steadfast commitment to the principles of service, compassion, and inclusivity.

# Health Department Doda accords farewell to Shahnaz Begum

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DODA: To accord warm farewell to Senior Assistant Shahnaz Begum posted at CMO Office Doda on her retirement, a grand farewell function was organized by the health department Doda at CMO Office Doda on March 30, 2024.

Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Om Kumar, DIO Doda Dr Versha Sharma besides staff of CMO and Dy CMO Office were present on the occasion.

The speakers on the occasion highlighted the achieve-



Senior Assistant Shahnaz Begum being given farewell.

ments of Shahnaz Begum during her 34 years of dedicated services in the health department.

While recalling the services of Shahnaz Begum, the speakers said that she worked with dedication for

which every employee would remember her services and contribution.

On the occasion, various gifts were presented to her as a token of love and appreciation for her tireless services in the health department.

CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar and other speakers in their speeches lauded the efforts of Shahnaz Begum and termed her as one of the dedicated, hardworking and reliable employee of the health department who always remain available at the beck and call of her seniors and

colleagues for which she would be remembered for her utmost services.

The staff on this occasion, expressed their gratitude and wished her good health and a prosperous post retirement life.

While speaking on the occasion, the retiring official thanked the staff of the health department who arranged the farewell in her honour and assured that her doors will always remain open for every possible help to the department after her retirement.

# SVEEP team spreads electoral awareness among border residents

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NOWSHERA: As part of ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, District SVEEP Team, under supervision of District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Parkash Bhagat, visited forward areas of border belt in Nowshera to promote electoral awareness.

The team consisting of Prof. Manzoor Ahmed Dar, Prof. (Dr) Khalid Rayaz, Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Mohammad Ayaz Raina, lecturer, and Dr. Sajjad



SVEEP team imparting awareness.

Ahmed Mir, journeyed to GMS Sarya via Jhannagar, where they engaged with the local staff and residents, imparting crucial awareness

about the significance of exercising voting rights in the upcoming election.

The residents were encouraged to participate

actively in the electoral process, ensuring that every eligible voter contributes to shaping the democratic landscape.

Before the visit, the SVEEP team held awareness campaign to GMS Makri, enlightening households about their voting entitlements and stressing the importance of maximum voter turnout.

The meticulous execution of these activities are being conducted under the vigilant supervision of DNO SVEEP, Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Raina.

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