

Under Modi Govt, J&K is known for innovation, startups instead of terrorism: Ashok Koul

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KATHUA: Ashok Koul said that under the Modi government, Jammu & Kashmir is not the talk of the town for terrorist-related activities, but it is known for the innovations and start-ups in different sectors.

Koul asked the BJP workers to share the significant political achievements of Jammu & Kashmir along with the unprecedented development that has put the erstwhile state on the national highlights in terms of socioeconomic development.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir said this, while he chaired 3 different meetings in Jasrota, Hiranagar and Kathua Assembly Constituencies.



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP Jammu & Kashmir addressing gathering during public meeting at Kathua.

Former Minister Rajeev Jasrotia, former MLA Kuldeep Raj, district President Gopal Mahajan, DDC Vice-Chairman Raghunandan, Rashpaul Verma, Vijay Sharma, and other senior leaders of party also accompanied Ashok Koul in these meetings.

Ashok Koul, while addressing these meetings, said that no other political party has

ever cared to empower the people in the erstwhile J&K state, but now the BJP under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with our dedicated force of party cadre has ensured the welfare of every neglected and every deprived individual and section. He added that after the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir is moving

towards its long-sought goal of progress and prosperity.

Ashok Koul, further asked the party workers to get engaged in continuous dialogues with the public, covering every single area and seek a vote for the BJP candidate in the name of peace, progress and futuristic vision in this Parliament election.

Rajeev Jasrotia said that the whole region has witnessed a remarkable transformation in infrastructure development, which has added to the increased agricultural, logistic, forest, industrial and other activities in the region. He also credited Dr Jitendra Singh for his endeavours to bring major projects into the area.

Kuldeep Raj said that the Congress, NC, and PDP have exploited the whole sections and hence a major chunk of the population of J&K, while favouring a few only all these years. He said that now, the BJP, under the leadership of PM Modi has given a fair deal of development to every area and every person. Gopal Mahajan asked the party workers to leave no stone unturned in taking the party's mission to the ground level and get the party's support converted to votes.

Government has no policy to ensure safe career of youth: Ch Lal Singh

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UDHAMPUR: 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 meetings at Balpad, Khoon, Dhema, Batal, Manwal, Darsoo, Roun Domail, Batal Balian and Tikri. While addressing gatherings Ch. Lal Singh said that there was neither any vision, nor any plan to create new jobs during the last ten years by the BJP Govt which as disturbed the youth of the area. The youth of J&K fill the form in JKSSB and JKSSB waits for years to conduct the exam and after conducting the exam, it is cancelled and the process of filling the exam starts again. He also said that JKSSB has deployed the black listed companies to conduct the exam in J&K. He also said that lakhs of youth of J&K is wasting



Former MP Ch Lal Singh addressing public gathering.

their youthful days in dilemma as the Government has no concrete policy to ensure their safe career.

Ch Lal Singh further lambasted the sitting MP on the unattended issues of Udhampur Kathua and entire state in particular like daily wages who are struggling for their demands and protesting but the Government is nonchalant as if it has nothing to do with this section comprising thousands of individuals and their families. He also said if I am voted to power; the voice of early elections in the state will

rise in the parliament and the proxy rule of the BJP will end. Ch. Lal Singh further said, it is very strange that cynics can't see the Tarnah Bridge on the national highways and they are saying that J & K has become the number one state of India. Ch. Lal Singh was Ex. Minister Sh. Harsh Dev Singh and Ex. Minister Dr. Manohar Lal. Sh. Harsh Dev Singh lambasted that the BJP-led government has failed to curb inflation and unemployment, and this government has disappointed every section of the society.

SVEEP activity/voting awareness programme conducted at GDC Khour

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KHOUR: NSS and NCC units of Government Degree College Khour in collaboration with the Department of Political Science conducted SVEEP activity/voting awareness programme sponsored by the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate (Assistant Returning Officer 82-Chhamb) with the theme "My Vote My Duty".

The programme was witnessed by a large number of students of the College including Principal, faculty members and the Designated SVEEP team members namely Smil Kumar, AEE Irrigation, Surinder Kumar, AE Irrigation & Mohinder Kumar; Master Trainer. About 09 students of



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

the College participated in the symposium on the importance of Voting in Democracy and expressed their ideas and views on the topic and the session was made more interactive. All speakers emphasized on the importance and need of voting in the upcoming elections. The master trainer of the SVEEP team gave the great insight of various guidelines and direc-

tions related to elections and urged the students to act as messengers of Election Commission of India to take this voter awareness campaign to the maximum reach. The Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) T. K Sharma also appealed participants to come forward and uphold the Democratic tradition of our country by casting their vote

fearlessly. The whole event was organized by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria NSS PO and Prof. Rashmi Sharma HOD Political Science. The event concluded with the pledge taking ceremony. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Rashmi. Prof. Tasleem HOD Zoology and Prof. Reeta Menia HOD Economics were also present in the awareness programme.

DC State Taxes Enforcement reviews activities of enforcement wing Kathua

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (Kathua) H. Q. Lakhanpur conducted detailed review of activities of enforcement wing Kathua during the financial year 2023-24.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner, STOs and other field staff of the enforcement wing. The main highlights of the review are the remarkable realization of penalty from GST defaulters to the tune of Rs.1.89crores during February- March 2023-24 against 0.67 crores for the same period in the year



Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (Kathua) after the meeting at Kathua.

2022-23 with remarkable growth of 183.20%.

The team realized penalty from the defaulters Rs.5.30 crores during 2023-24 against Rs.3.30 crores in the last year.

Major commodities on

which penalties were imposed during the period include cases without proper documents, marble/granite, metal scrap, furniture products, tobacco products, and other defaults.

The office of the Deputy Commissioner State Taxes registered an increase in revenue realization of 60.6% as compared to the last fiscal year.

The whole exercise was carried out by the staff of Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement (Kathua) Lakhanpur under the close supervision of Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement Lakhanpur Pardeep Singh Manhas (JKAS) under overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Namrata Dogra (JKAS) and P. K. Bhat (JKAS) Commissioner State Taxes Department.

General Observer reviews election preparedness in Udhampur



General Observer Dheeraj Kumar chairing a meeting at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: General Observer for the 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, Dheeraj Kumar, and Police Observer Daljit Singh today conducted a comprehensive meeting with Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Nodal Officers, Sector and Zonal Magistrates in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex, here, to assess and enhance election preparedness.

The meeting was attended by District Election Officer,

Saloni Rai; Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh; Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia; Deputy District Election Officer Dr. Anirudh Rai AROs, and Nodal Officers.

During the meeting, District Election Officer provided a detailed overview of election preparedness at the polling station level, including plans related to single-window system for granting

permissions, monitoring model code of conduct, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), vigilance on expenditure by political parties and candidates, and management of paid news.

The General Observer was apprised about provision made for the Assured Minimum Facilities at polling stations, working of expenditure monitoring cell, training of polling personnel, appointment and training of sectoral and zonal officers, randomization of polling personnel

and Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), among other essential aspects of conducting elections.

Detailed discussions were held on the enforcement of model code of conduct, expenditure monitoring, security plan, and transport and communication plan.

The Observers also interacted with AROs of 59-Udhampur West, 60-Udhampur East, 61-Chenani, and 62-Rammagar Assembly constituencies respectively.

Emphasis was placed on

conducting Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities comprehensively throughout the district, with AROs and Nodal Officers urged to adhere to latest guidelines from the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Furthermore, the General Observer directed teams to enhance readiness for the smooth conduct of general election, emphasizing coordination and providing theoretical and practical training to polling staff. Sector

officers were instructed to sensitize vulnerable areas to encourage participation in the democratic process.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Udhampur also briefed the General Observer about the security plan being prepared for the smooth conduct of election in the district.

Later, the General Observer also conducted a field visit and inspected the preparedness on ground. He was accompanied by Daljit Singh, Police Observer District Election Officer and other officers. He reviewed the security arrangements made for strong room, collection and dispatch centres of EVM and places of stay for polling personnel. He appreciated the efforts of the District Election Officer and her election team for poll preparedness and SVEEP programmes.

Anti Crime Bureau NGO felicitates Priyanka Dogra



NGO team honouring Miss Iconic India Priyanka Dogra.

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BISHNAH: Members of NGO, Anti Crime Bureau led by Chairman Sham Lal Gupta felicitated Priyanka Dogra for winning the title of Miss Iconic India 2024. State President of NGO Sahil Gupta visited her residence and felicitated her for winning the title of Miss Iconic India 2024. He said that it is a proud moment for the family members as well as the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He appreciated the family members of the girl who extended their support and encouragement to represent her on the renowned platform i.e. Miss Iconic India 2024. Gupta was accompanied by ASI Naresh Digra and other colleagues.

J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides conducts Orientation Programme for Unit Leaders, Tertiya Sopan Camp



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PATNITOP: Three Days Orientation Programme for Unit Leaders and Tertiya Sopan Camp for Scouts and Guides was held at Kud, Patnitop District Udhampur. In both the programs 56 participants from

District Jammu, Samba and Udhampur took active part. Both the Programmes were conducted under the supervision of Nasreen Khan, State Secretary cum Administrative Officer and other state Officials. Programmes were conducted in a healthy and smooth manner where Staff Members gave their best to enhance the Scouting and Guiding Knowledge of Unit Leaders, Scouts and Guides.

Orientation programs for unit leaders are essential for providing training, fostering camaraderie, and enhancing skills among Unit Leaders. Through the Orientation they not only enhance their leadership development but also help in

instilling values like teamwork, outdoor skills, and community service. Conducting such Orientation reflects a commitment to the holistic development of the Unit Leader and contributes to building a stronger community.

Each day camp began with prayer and flag hoisting ceremony which was followed by the daily routine chart. The Unit Leaders, Scouts and Guides found their respective programme as the best opportunity to transform their lives and boost their morale to bring in themselves a sense of responsibility enriched with special education and teaching skills. The well qualified and skilled Staff members

made participants learn various techniques to nurture their own knowledge and experiences.

Unit Leaders were also able to learn the new trends/programmes/updates of Scouting and Guiding while Scouts and Guides were able to know the importance of Tertiya Sopan and they learned various things as per the APRO II and III. Orientation for Unit Leaders and Tertiya Sopan Camp for Scouts and Guides was conducted by Smt. Ranjana Gandotra ALT (District Secretary), Manjeet Kour ALT Joint State Training Commissioner, K L Sharma Pre-ALT HQ, Commissioner along with invited Staff members.

Lecture on Cyber Crime held

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RAJOURI: To tackle the ever-growing threat of Cyber crime, Indian Army organised an awareness talk at Saaj and nearby locations. The talk spread awareness about the online exploitation and various related issues namely, abuse of children, dark net market, ransom ware attacks, human traffickers using social media to lure victims.

The young audience was also briefed about Cybercrime unprecedented reach into our human and schools, business, hospital and other service providers that amplifies threat.

Army provides financial assistance to NoK of porter

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REASI: The life of Raj Singh, Father of Late Porter Chand Singh came to a stand still with the loss of his son the sole breadwinner of the family. The deceased belonged to a backward class. However, in a great display of care and gratitude for the civilians, Indian Army facilitated a compensation for the ailing family of Late Porter Chand Singh. The father of Late Chand Singh, Raj Singh expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for timely financial assistance provided to the family.

Div Com Jammu reviews election preparedness in Ramban



Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar during visit to Ramban.

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RAMBAN: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Monday visited district Ramban and reviewed the progress of National Highway works in the district, here at a meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban apprised the Div Com about the status of the works going on National Highway in the district.

The Div Com impressed on the authorities to

Assesses progress of works on NH 44

teams, Video Surveillance Teams, Flying Squad Teams, and Micro Expenditure Observers to ensure adherence to election expenditure regulations and guidelines laid out by the Election Commission of India.

The Div Com also reviewed the transport plan for polling staff, mobilization of election machinery and secure dispatch and reception of EVMs in designated strong rooms post-poll. He directed the officers of NHAI, BRO, PWD and PMGSY to ensure proper maintenance of NH-44 and their respective roads for smooth plying of traffic. In discussions with SSP Ramban, Anuj Kumar, and SSP Traffic, NHW, Ramban, Rohit Baskotra, the Divisional Commissioner deliberated on security and traffic arrangements, issuing necessary directives to pertinent authorities.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, ACR, SP, Dy. DEO, nodal officers and other stakeholders attended the meeting.

ensure smooth passage of vehicles and traffic movement by deployment of ample men and machinery on the National Highway stretch in the district.

Meanwhile, the Div Com also reviewed the arrangements and preparations underway by the District Administration for the impending General Election Lok Sabha, 2024.

The Divisional Commissioner emphasized the importance of diligent work by Accounting

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