# NC resorting to communal politics amid sinking politic: Vibodh



BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressing gathering

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MENDHAR: Launching a vitriolic attack on Former Chief Minister and senior National Conference Leader Farooq Abdullah over his outrageous and communal remarks, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta said that the Abdullah family is trying to communalise politics to get Muslim votes fearing Modi government's increasing pop-

Addressing a public gathering at Mendar , Vibodh Gupta said BJP's policy is justice for all and appeasement for none. It does not discriminate based on religion, region, or caste. Narendra Modi government at the Centre is committed to equitable development of all. He further added that the National Conference leaders'

ularity among Muslims.

persistent communal and outrageous statements seem like desperate attempts to salvage their sinking ship of political influence, as the people of Jammu and Kashmir have completely rejected them.

Vibodh strongly asserted that Farooq Abdullah has no moral ground to accuse BJP of divisive politics as NC has been the harbinger of communal politics in Jammu and Kashmir. From misleading youth to sympathising with Pakistan sponsored terrorism, every action of the National Conference has been communal and antinational.

Speaking on the occasion BJP Prabhari, Poonch Rajinder Gupta said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi every section of society

is feeling empowered and government welfare schemes have been delivered to people irrespective of caste, religion, region and gender. Former MLA Rajiv Sharma also highlighted the achievements of the Modi government while stressing on the fulfillment of long pending demands of both Gujjar-

Bakerwal and Pahari Tribe. Former MLC Pardeep Sharma emphasized that the border district of Poonch has seen tremendous development under the Modi govern-

From increased connectivity to infrastructure development, people of Poonch have been benefitted in multiple ways by the vision of BJP, he added. District President Poonch assured that people in large number will vote in favour of BJP aligned candidate in the forthcoming parliamentary elections as they have vowed to support the charismatic Prime Minister of India.

BJP Poonch General and DDC Secretary Memberx Wajid Khan Tikko maintained that the people of Pahari Tribe are indebted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for delivering long pending justice to them and will always vote and support the vision and action of BJP.

## Jal Shakti PHE Employees & Workers Association holds May Day Rally



Members of Jal Shakti PHE Employees and Worker Association during rally at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR : Jal Shakti Employees Worker Association hold a May Day Rally at PHE Station Barrian Udhampur in which employees from Tikri, Jib- Thathi, Mongri, Panchari, Chenani, Kud, Patnitop, Sudhmahadev. Ramnagar, Kulwanta Dehari, Dalsar, Mansar, Majalta and other far flung participated. The employees highlighted pending demands and also keet two minutes silent to pay the homage of martyrs 139 th of

1886 at Chicago USA. Som Nath Senior Trade Union Leader addressing the rally highlighted long pending demands of employees which include regular-

Workers; Release of pending wages; Minimum Wages Act; Shortage of staff; 4% DA should be release immediately in the favour of UT employees as Central; May Day Holiday.

Som Nath appealed to the Govt. to fulfill the long pending genuine demands of the employees / workers of various departments and ready for agitation in case the same are not settled at an earliest. Senior leaders also spoke

in the rally: Vijay Kumar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Sardar Tej Bhadur, Ganesh Chand, Kuldeep Kumar, Krishan Chand, Parth Singh, Baldev Rah. Makahan Chand. Karan Singh, Shambu Nath

# Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Nainsoo celebrates Annual Day

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: As a part of mega celebration Bharativa Vidya Mandir Nainsoo Udhampur, operated under the aegis of Sant Ishwar Foundation has celebrated its annual day with great fun and fervour. Social workers from across the country and dignitaries from various fields mark their valuable presence to the gracie the ceremony.

Mahamandaleshwar Swami Aksharanand Giri Ji Maharaj Niranjan Vedanta Sanyas Ashram was chief guest on the occasion. Function was inaugurated by litting traditional lamp and performed Sarswati Bandna. Later tinny-tots of school beside participating in different events including Science fairs, Scouts, national games, Competitions, Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Jamborees exhibited an attractive colorful cultural program. While chief guest Aksharananad Giri Ji blessed students, staff of Vidya Mandir and all those who calculated their tireless efforts to established this Vidalya. In brief speech Sant Ishwar Foundation president Kapil Khanna, Vidya Bharati Jammu region officer Ved Bhushan Sharma, Principal Sharma, Vrinda Khanna, Gen. Secy of the



Students performing during event at Udhampur.

Organizing Committee said, 'Sant Ishwar Bharatiya Vidya Mandir, a charitable school run by Sant Ishwar Foundation, stands as a ray of hope in Udhampur district of JKUT. Sense of nationalist, Indian ancient knowledge tradition and many more. The sole aim of the organization is to make the students familiar with modern education and disseminate it easily to the children in accordance with present economic progress. It was asserted that Sant Ishwar campus is having nealy ten acres of land to serves as a valuable resource for the children of more than 20 nearby villages in a pollution-free environment. It combines Indian traditional culture with modern technology to provide all-round education." It not only stands as an

exemplary institution in

Udhampur district but also

contributes significantly to the overall scenario of education in India.

This four-storey school has a total of 35 classrooms equipped with modern facilities. There are also sports facilities including an Atal Innovation Science Lab, a library and smart classrooms which make the learning experience more interesting for the students. Though foundation, through the tireless efforts of its employees, has been successful in making a positive impact in the lives of students. The organization has so far been successful in pursuing this all-round goal of education. This organization is paving the way for a bright future for the students through its actions. Prominent among other who present were Arun Gupta. Imam Chand Aggarwal, Sunil Kumar and many more.

# DC Doda addresses workers awareness camp at Khellani Tunnel



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh addressing workers.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: An informative camp was today organized at Khellani Tunnel here to commemorate Labour Day and awareness about labour laws and rights among workforce.

The event witnessed pres-Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh; Tehsildar, Dy SP Hqrs, Assistant Labour Commissioner and Manager NHIDCL besides other officers and officials.

The DC, while addressing the gathering, highlighted about the significance of the day and commended relentless efforts of labour force particularly those involved in the Khellani tunnel project. He emphasized on the implementation of Vishwakarma

Scheme tailored for the wel-

Later, the DC also inspected the progress of work on the Khellani Tunnel project along with various road construction works in the

He personally evaluated the ongoing projects and urged for their early comple-

awareness camp served as a platform to educate labourers about their rights, safety measures, and importance of adhering to labour laws, fostering a culture of respect and empowerment within the workforce.

Such initiatives reaffirm the commitment of the administration towards the well-being and prosperity of labourers in the region.

# KVK Reasi organises training programme for Self Help Groups

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasiunder the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized one day training programme for the members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) at Kheral village of Pouni block in Reasi district which was enthuastically attended by the number of womenmembers of SHGs of the area.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship ofVice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance Director ExtensionProf.Amrish Vaidof SKUAST-J.Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist &Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of participants. During the technical session he highlighted the role and importance of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the current scenario of livelihood diversification especially for the marginalized women. Hediscussed on various incomes generation activities among the rural women and stressed on value



KVK scientist imparting training to SHG members.

addition in agriculture for more farm returns. He also spoke in detail on woman empowerment and stressed on SHGs on formation. He said that SHGs formation has immense scope in hilly areas and can play a significant role in the eradication of poverty from the downtrodden areas.He discussed on regular saving, budgeting, record keeping, regular meetings, regular interloaning, linkage with banks, repayment ethics etc. He also guided farm women on small business planning, effecting marketing strate gies and product development.He narrated that the SHGs can transform the rural areas by raising the

socio-economic conditions of the rural women. He stressed on the agri-entrepreneurship development at village level by working in groups and discussed on Atama Nirbhar Bharat. He highlighted the importance ofhomogeneity, fortnight meetings and bookkeeping for the significant results in SHGs.He also guided the participants on packaging, leveling, branding and marketing of processed agroproducts. He also discussed on aonla candy making, pickles making, jam making, inice making etc. He stressed on value addition in fruits, vegetables and spices to enhance the income and employment among the rural women. He narrated that by the value addition in fruits and vegetables rural women can fetch more money and thus they can raise their socio-economic During the programme some quarries were raised by the group's members which were answered by the KVK officials in a satisfactorily way.

During the programme quality packaging and branding material was also provided to the SHGs members. During the programme an awardee woman farmer of the area, Smt.Anita Devi was also present who shared her experiences on value addition in agriculture with the other participants. The participants thanked KVK, Reasi scientists for organizing such a useful programme. It is worthwhile to mention here that such training programmes foster economic independence, selfreliance and sustainable growth for SHGs members, enabling them to positively impact their communities and lead fulfilling lives The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Anita Deviwith formal vote of thanks.

#### DLSA Chairman Ramban meets land subsidence victims of village Pernote; assures every possible help for rehabilitation



Chairman DLSA Ramban Ranbir Singh Jasrotia interacting with victims.

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RAMBAN: District Legal Services Authority Ramban led by its Chairman (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Ranbir Singh Jasrotia today met land subsidence victims at Village Pernote and listened to their grievances and problems.

Around 60 residential houses were badly damaged after the village witnessed massive landslides and land subsidence last

The Chairman DLSA was accompanied by Secretary DLSA, Anjana Rajput; Magistrate First Judicial Siddhant Vaid: Class. President District Association, Suraj Singh Parihar and other officials of DLSA district Judiciary and members of the Bar.

The Chairman met the victims of disaster presently residing at different temporary loca-

tions provided by district administration, NGOs and Civil Society. The DLSA team assured the victims of all possible assistance while taking note of their grievances and prob-

The DLSA, in coordination with District Administration, is formulating a comprehensive factual report on damage and loss suffered by the affected families to project the same to the government for their rehabilitation.

The DLSA Ramban is in continuous touch with the district administration to ensure effective and timely medical and other aids to affected families. DLSA Ramban is also organising full day help desks at the temporary sk Panchayat Ghar Pernote and Community Hall Maitra to record the needs and grievances of the affected persons.

# DLSA Samba hosts legal awareness programme for workers

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Under able aegis of JK Legal Services Authority and as per action plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) for the month of April, 2024 and also under the insightful directions and supervision of Adnan Saveed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Samba, (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Samba), District Legal Authority, Samba observed 'International Labour Day, 2024' under the theme 'Social Justice and Decent Work for All' by organizing a legal awareness programme on the relevant provisions of Labour Laws for the workers of Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited today



Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, DLSA Samba speaking during the event.

at Emcure Pharmaceutical Co , SIDCO Industrial Complex Bari Brahmana. Chairman DLSA, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, in his special address greeted the workers on International Labour Day, 2024. He also discussed the historical background and importance of this day as well as New Codes of Labour Law i.e. Wage Code, Social Security Code, The Occupational Safety, Heath and Working Conditions Code 2020 and the Industrial Assistant

Commissioner, Samba, Amil Khateeb in his address discussed the mandate of the department of Labour in district as well as the challenges being faced by the workers of the unorganized sector.

Labour

Legal Aid Counsel, DLSA Samba, Hitesh Sharma, who was the speaker of the program highlighted the relevant social security provisions existing for the workers under different Labour laws with special emphasis on the Employees State Insurance Act.

The programme was attended by officials and workers of the Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Legal Aid Counsels, Staff and PLVs of DLSA Samba.

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POONCH: On the celebration of "MAY DAY" festival ,a meeting under the banner of LPEF Poonch unit was held today .The meeting was chaired by Mandhir Singh. Rich tributes were paid to martyrs of Chicago who laid their lives on May Ist 1886 for their struggle of eight hour working day. Many workers were killed and many more were injured. Ist of May is celebrated as international labour day dedicated to all the workers and labours who sacrificed their lives for the cause of working

On this occasion rich tributes were also paid to trade union leaders of Poonch Viz Com- M L Arya, Jodh Qamar Amin

# LPEF Poonch pays tributes to martyrs of Chicago

LPEF members during the programme at Poonch

A.A.Zami sb. Bashir Hussain Butt, Babu Rehat Hussain Nehvi, Jagdish Sharma, Daliit Singh and many more who always stood like an iron wall for the cause of employees and working class.

In the meeting Mandhir Singh, Anwar Hussain, kumar, Sanjeev Shami khajuria, Mohd Iqbal Babloo, Jaleel khawja, Israr Khan,Lal Hussain, Ravnish Kumar, Ajeet Singh and many more spoke on the festival of May

Beside Paying tributes to Martyrs of 1886, Rich tribute's were also paid by Speaker's to Babu Rahat Hussain Nehvi, Chief Patron LPEF, Poonch Unit who breath his last on 24th April, 2024. Babu Rahat H Nahvi jee remained President of LPEF, Poonch unit for about 25 years from 1972 to 1997 till his retirement. He worked with zeal and zest for the Cause of Employees.

He was a Symbol of Secular MindedLeaders. His death was greatly mourn by All low Paid leaders.

# IGNOU Study center 1250 Udhampur observes Labour Day

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UDHAMPUR: IGNOU Study Center 1250 GDC celebrated Udhampur

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labour day to commemorate the importance of labour class of the society who work as the engine to mobilizes the society and mankind on the path of the development. In this context a program was organized in which the IGNOU learners participated in large number and also expressed their views and shared their experiences about their work along with studies and how they cope up with pressure on both the ends. The female learners were equally vocal

about their management of stress of work and studies. The learners appreciated the efforts of IGNOU for creating the opportunities for the working class to enhance their knowledge and skill which they would be able to incorporate in their day to day work.

The program started with the welcome address by IGNOU coordinator Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra wherein he called upon all the IGNOU learners to make it hobby to visit the IGNOU Study

Center and avail the benefits extended by the study center of GDC Udhampur. Wherein Counselors have been requested for the benefit of approximately three thousand learners pursuing different UG, PG and professional courses.

Speaking on the occasion В. L Thakur Coordinator Assistant highlighted the achievements of workers, their rights and dignity to life. also added the Gandhian concept of basic education which stresses

upon learning by doing and dignity of labour. Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta while delivering his presidential address on the occasion appreciation the zeal of the learners towards gain of knowledge. He exhorted with his words that no work is insignificant and all labour that uplifts the humanity has dignity and importance and all the work towards the upliftment of mankind should be undertaken with painstaking

excellence. and Mohinder Pal, Assistant Coordinator of IGNOU Study Center extended the vote of thanks on the occasion. Besides Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Jagjeet Singh Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Prof. Verinder Singh, Prof. Anil Kumar Thappa, Rajneesh Mahajan, Sanjay Kumar, Reva Rani, Vikram Jeet, Pawan Singh, Chaman Lal, Babu Ram, Kan Singh, Bansi Lal, Madan Lal, Om Parkash, Gafoor Ahmed were also

present.

## DM Reasi chairs district level NCORD meet

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REASI: A meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) was convened today under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan at DC Office Complex. The primary agenda of meeting was to devise a comprehensive strategy to counter the menace of drug abuse in the district. During the meeting, the DM reviewed the enforcement of measures taken to eliminate drug abuse and its peddling throughout the district. He emphasized on the importance of keeping regular check on poppy cultivation areas in the district and removing Cannabis sativa from roadside and other places. One of the key decisions taken during the meeting was to use drug kits in schools and colleges to identify individuals trapped in drug abuse. He stressed the need for coordinated efforts by all stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies. educational institutions and the community, to effectively combat drug abuse in the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC, Chief Education Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, DFO, Dy. SP HQ, Tehsildar Bhomag and other officers.