

Congress, NC, PDP deliberately deprived Rajouri-Poonch people from developments: Khatana

Poor Gujjars-Bakerwals were only treated as vote bank: BJP leader

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POONCH: People of Khanetar in Surankote and other areas of the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch have been deliberately deprived of developments under a well hatched conspiracy by the Congress and its offshoots like National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

This was stated by senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana while addressing a public rally at Kalsain Khanatar area of Poonch.

About 500 people were present in the rally most of which were poor tribal Gujjars and Bakerwals.

Khatana said that Congress, NC and PDP paid no heed to the miseries of tribal population of Rajouri and Poonch and treated these innocent people as their vote banks only. "They created fear in the



MP (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana during public meeting at Poonch.

minds of Muslims and used them for political reasons and never thought for welfare of these poor people," the BJP leader maintained adding: "Now that the innocent tribals have seen the developments and progress in the last 10 years of rule under the leadership of PM Modi, they will no more be fooled by the Congress, NC and PDP."

He said that better living

conditions with proper education, health care facilities, good roads, proper water and power supply, better transportation facilities, job avenues, peaceful atmosphere to live has been provided by the BJP government but the third term to PM Modi will add more developments and progress to the lives of the people.

"PM Modi has special place in his heart for the

people of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory wherein the tribal Gujjars and Bakerwals are always close to his heart," Khatana continued.

He said that the target of BJP to score 400 plus in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections will be achieved soon which will usher an era of extraordinary developments in the country making our nation the third

largest economy in the world.

"Maintain the traditional brotherhood and peace and strengthen the hands of PM Modi and take the benefits of pro-poor schemes of the government to lead a better life," the MP said.

He further said that the people will teach a befitting lesson to the discriminatory policies of NC, Congress and PDP in the ongoing elections by electing an honest and upright candidate.

"Voting in favour of NC or PDP will mean endorsing the era of bloodshed and uncertainty," Gulam Ali Khatana said adding that no sensible voter will ever do that in his life.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were BJP District President, Rakesh Raina; Secretary, Naresh Sharma; Vice President, Jhainger Khan; Vice President, Sunil Sharma; Youth President, Sahil Mir and others.

Bi-Annual congregation of Jamwal Pandit Biradari held

SHO Purmandal inaugurates medical camp



Biradari members honouring SHO Purmandal Lalit Padha.

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PURMANDAL: The Bi-annual congregation of All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari was organised at Datta Datti Temple, Purmandal, Jammu on Monday.

The congregation started with Pooja and Hawan followed by Langar. President of the Biradari,

Shatrughan Jamwal felicitated SHO Purmandal Lalit Padha on the occasion.

Day long free medical camp was also organised in the premises of the temple for the devotees. The medical camp was inaugurated by Lalit Padha. He appreciated the efforts of Jamwal Pandit Biradari.

President Shatrughan Jamwal said that primary objectives of the medical camp is to promote awareness about preventive healthcare measures. A range of healthcare services, including general health check-ups, consultations, and screenings, was available to cater to the diverse needs of the attendees.

Postmaster General calls on DC Rajouri, discusses post office schemes



Col Vinod PMG Jammu calling on DC Rajouri, Om Parkash Bhagat.

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RAJOURI: Col Vinod PMG Jammu on Monday called on Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Parkash Bhagat during a special meeting at DC Office Rajouri.

The duo discussed various schemes of the government being offered by the Department of Posts to the residents of this border district. Col Vinod informed the DC about the various steps being

taken by the Postal Department to provide the best possible services like Passport Seva, Aadhaar, Insurance, Small Savings, Mail, Parcel, India post Payments Bank and Speed Post services. He informed the DC that the Department has augmented its logistic infrastructure to align it at par with the rest of the country ensuring speedy delivery of mail. Special emphasis was laid on the Sukanya Samridhi

Yojana under the brand ambit of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao". The DC was requested to lend his helping hand to further popularize this scheme amongst the public of this district. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the role of India Post for its dedication and excellent services being offered in district Rajouri and assured of all possible help to further promote the various people-friendly schemes of the Postal Department in the public. On this occasion, Col Vinod apprised the DC of the various activities organized by the Department of Posts during the former's stay at Rajouri last week.

A customised "My Stamp" was also presented to the DC on this occasion.

Chandan Sharma ASPOs Rajouri Division and Santosh Kumar, ASPOs Jammu Division also attended the meeting.

Vibodh, Patel urge voters to defeat dynastic parties

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RAJOURI: Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, addressed a public gathering in Khawas, here on Monday, where he asserted that the BJP cadre in the region will throw their support behind a candidate aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a new Jammu and Kashmir.

He criticized political parties like the PDP and NC for engaging in dynastic politics, alleging that they had neglected the people, fostered corruption, and encouraged youth towards separatism. Gupta stressed the importance of defeating such elements to pave the way for peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta declared that the people's popular support lies with Apni Party's candidate Zaffar Manhas, as voters have pledged to end the manipulative politics of NC and PDP leaders.

He announced the BJP's sup-



Former MLC, Vibodh Gupta addressing gathering at Rajouri.

port for Manhas, emphasizing that with the backing of the BJP, nothing can hinder the victory of the bat (Apni Party Election Symbol).

Narendra Shivaji Patel, MoS for Public Health and Family Welfare, Madhya Pradesh, who was on tour for the election campaign in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat, expressed satisfaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and vision.

Patel asserted that the people have vowed to vote against political parties like the National Conference and PDP to empower the BJP-led NDA at the center.

He appealed to the people to ensure the victory of nationalist forces in the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat, admonishing those who support anti-nationalist and separatist activities, which threaten the future of youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

Former Minister Abdul Ghani Kholi also voiced support for BJP-like-minded political parties and candidates over those of the National Conference and PDP in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat.

He accused these parties of perpetrating criminal injustice

against the Gujjar-Bakerwals by not granting them their due when in power and framing policies that hindered their progress and development.

Senior BJP leader Dev Raj Sharma highlighted various achievements of the Modi government that have benefited and empowered people in the twin border districts of Rajouri-Poonch. He urged people to support the Apni Party.

District President of Jammu, Parmodh Kaphai, appealed to people to reject the candidates of the National Conference and PDP to strengthen peace and prosperity in the Union Territory.

Retired ADDC and Senior BJP leader Subash Sharma, along with Gurudev Singh Thakur, also addressed the gathering and conducted stage proceedings.

NC facilitates smooth voting of Kashmiri Pandit migrants at Udhampur



NC leaders at a polling booth at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) District Unit, headed by Sunil Verma, District President of Udhampur, facilitated the smooth voting of Kashmiri Pandit migrants at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Udhampur for 5th phase of Lok Sabha polls.

Rakesh Kumar and Mohd Sadeeq were appointed as Polling Agents. Ch Mohd Rashid, Distt Secretary, Akash Verma Senior youth leader, Om Parkash Block President, Pir Gulam Hussain City Block President and Vice President Udhampur, Prominent Kashmiri Pandit leader and NC leader Sanjay Pandita were also present. Sunil Verma stressed the urgent need for responsive governance and proactive measures to alleviate the hardships endured by the community. Verma reiterated that the people have high hopes from the National Conference, affirming that only the NC possesses the capability to comprehensively address the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasized the party's legacy of inclusive governance, commitment to democratic principles, and dedication to serving the interests of all communities within the region.

People assured massive victory of Mian Altaf: Rattan Lal

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RAJOURI: Rattan Lal Gupta, the Provincial President of the National Conference, expressed his satisfaction with the significant turnout at the party's election rallies, particularly those featuring NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Mian Altaf Ahmed.

He emphasized that this widespread participation is a testament to the enduring influence and strong appeal of the National Conference among the masses of the region.

Gupta, speaking after concluding a week-long tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts in support of INDI Alliance



NC Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta addressing gathering at Rajouri.

candidate Anantnag-Rajouri Mian Altaf Ahmed's election campaign, highlighted the recent surge in massive pub-

lic rallies across the region. These rallies in Surankote, Poonch, Mendhar, Rajouri, and Nowshera underscored

the substantial backing for the NC candidate, reflecting deep-rooted support among the diverse communities in

the districts' mountainous and plains regions.

Gupta emphasized that these successful rallies demonstrate the party's ability to mobilize and energize the public, consolidating its position as a formidable force in Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape.

Gupta asserted that there is no competition for the National Conference in the Anantnag-Rajouri seat, attributing it to the strong wave of support for the party and its candidate Mian Altaf.

He took a dig at the BJP, noting its failure to field candidates in the Kashmir Valley and instead support-

ing a proxy candidate lacking credibility or relevance.

Gupta criticized the BJP's policies in Jammu and Kashmir over the past decade, attributing them to a lack of support for the safe-party.

He accused the BJP of contributing to the revival of terrorism in Rajouri and Poonch, along with rising unemployment, inflation, and corruption.

Gupta also condemned the stabbing incident during the rally and called for a thorough investigation.

In conclusion, the Provincial President urged the people of Rajouri and Poonch districts to maximize their participation in the upcoming polling on May 25, advocating for the victory of the NC candidate Mian Altaf Ahmed.

Congress workers hold protest against PDD

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UDHAMPUR: Congress activists, led by Senior Congress leader Sumeet Magotra, staged a protest against the Power Development Department (PDD) M&RE Division for its failure to provide regular power supply.

The demonstration began at Barrian Chowk Udhampur, where Congress workers gathered before proceeding towards the Deputy Commissioner's office.

At the DC office, the protesters, led by Magotra, voiced their discontent with the PDD officials, condemning their inability to ensure consistent power supply in Udhampur town and its neighbouring areas.

Magotra highlighted the dissatisfaction among residents, noting that despite the installation of smart meters by the PDD a few months ago, promised hassle-free power supply had not materialized. Instead, the town experienced irregular and unsheduled power cuts, especially during heat waves.

Magotra criticized the PDD for its lack of accountability, citing an instance where contacting a PDD AEE yielded no resolution, as the responsibility was shifted to the agency installing smart meters.

Expressing disbelief that a private contractor could shoulder the entire responsibility while permanent PDD employees collected revenue without delivering satisfactory services, Magotra warned the PDD authority to address their demands promptly. Failure to do so, he warned, would result in larger protests by the people of Udhampur, organized by the Congress.

The protest underscored the frustration of residents and the urgency for the authorities to address the power supply issues plaguing the region.

SMVDU alumnus from Institute for Plasma Research Gujarat interacts with students



SMVDU students along with resource persons after the programme.

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KATRA: SMVDU conducted an interactive session with Deepak Sharma (Class of 2006 Mechanical Engineering SMVDU) who is currently working as Scientific Officer (E) at Institute for Plasma Research, Gujarat.

The session was coordinated by the office of the Dean International and Alumni Affairs and was attended by students and scholars of SMVDU.

The speaker discussed various research initiatives being taken up by the

Institute for Plasma Research, Gujarat.

He also spoke about heat transfer applications, cooling channels and advanced materials for nuclear applications. Further, he motivated the students to undergo internships in institutes like IPR and extended his support for mentoring the current students of SMVDU.

The alumnus was also accompanied by Saifali Sharma (Scientific Officer (E) at the Institute for Plasma Research, Gujarat).

The alumnus also visited various labs of the school of

Mechanical Engineering and also interacted with faculty and staff members of the school. Dr. Yugal Khajuria (Dean International and Alumni Affairs), Dr. Yatheshth Anand (Head, School of Mechanical Engineering) and Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Associate Dean International and Alumni Affairs) were also present and conveyed their best wishes to the alumni.

The coordinators thanked Prof. Pragati Kumar (Vice Chancellor SMVDU) and SMVDU administration for his support.

GDC R S Pura hosts awareness lecture on Health and Hygiene

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R S PURA: NSS unit of Government Degree College R. S. Pura organized an educational lecture on Public Health and Hygiene today, drawing enthusiastic participation from college students.

The event featured presentations and interactive sessions led by Dr. Hari Singh, Assistant Professor in Zoology. The experts covered a range of topics, including nutrition, hygiene practices, disease prevention, and the importance of regular medical check-ups.

Students were encouraged to engage actively during the

interactive sessions, asking questions and discussing health-related concerns with the resource person.

The lecture aimed to instill practical health tips and habits in the students, emphasizing the importance of maintaining good health.

According to the organizers, the event was highly successful, fostering a greater understanding of health and hygiene among the participants.

The lecture, coordinated under the Patronage of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the college and leadership of Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS PO,

which was a significant initiative towards promoting health education.

While speaking on the occasion Dr. Rajni Bhagat, College Principal exhorted that the initiative by NSS unit of GDC R. S. Pura marks a positive step towards educating young individuals on vital health issues and promoting a healthier lifestyle among the youth.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, H. O. D. Dogri. Dr. Nitti Chibber and Prof. Renu Sharma from the department of Botany also attended the programme.



A resource person delivering lecture.

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