

# Record poll per cent in Ladakh, Baramulla proved improved situation in Kashmir: Khatana

For poor Gujjars-Bakerwals BJP is name to trust upon: Shahnaz

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SURANKOTE: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that record poll per cent in Ladakh and Baramulla has clearly established that situation in Kashmir has now improved a lot and peace has prevailed in the region.

"This was only possible by the extra-ordinary leadership of PM Modi during the BJP rule over the country in the last ten years," he further said.

Addressing a public meeting in mountainous Surankote area of border district of Poonch on Tuesday Khatana said that terrorism has been decimated, stone-pelting is seen nowhere, cross-border infiltration has also been reduced to zero in J&K after the PM Modi gave a free hand to the security forces on borders and inside J&K to deal with the law and order situation. Apart from the record high poll per cent in the ongo-



MP (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana addressing gathering at Surankote.

ing Lok Sabha elections, number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir has also enormously increased especially after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A as this has changed the thinking of people from rest of the country about Kashmir and its people.

"The increase in number of tourists in Kashmir has also improved the economy of the region and reduced unemployment to a large extent," the

BJP leader said.

He further said that more such positive developments are also in plans after PM Modi becomes the helmsman of the world's largest democracy for the third time.

Speaking on the occasion senior BJP leader and former Minister, Abdul Gani Kohli said: "BJP is all set to cross 400 plus mark in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections to usher the nation into a new era of

more developments and more progress after which our country will become the third leading economy in the world."

Former MLC and BJP Incharge Surankote, Shahnaz Ganai while addressing the gathering said in Jammu and Kashmir BJP has now become a name to trust upon for the poor Gujjars and Bakerwals and these marginalised communities have pinned their hopes on the leadership of PM

Modi.

BJP District Vice President Azhar Manhas said: "People have now clearly identified the real face of Congress, National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and they will not fall into the trap of sugar-coated words of these dynast parties."

He further said that there are number of schemes and programmes by the government led by PM Modi for the poor and marginalised people but for its vested interests the Congress is spreading a false propaganda against such policies.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Aziz Mirza, Hameed Bajjard, Saleem Chowdhary, Ikhtlaq, Behan Intiaz of Mahila Moreha, Sanjay Kesar, General Secretary, Mohd Bashir Khan, Mohd Akram, Kisan President, Hafiz Abdul Qayoom, Sportsperson and others.

# Area domination route march taken out in Rajouri



Security forces carrying out route march at Rajouri.

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Rajouri : With an aim to bolster security arrangements and also to ensure area familiarization of forces, especially those inducted for Lok sabha elections duty, security forces on Tuesday carried out an Area Domination Long Route March in J&K's Rajouri town.

The march was organised under the umbrella of

district police office with thousands of personnel from J&K Police, IRP, JKAP, CRPF, SSB, BSF joined this march.

The march started from District Police Lines Rajouri and passed through various areas of town that include ALG - Dak Bungalow road, Gujjar Mandi, Abdullah bridge, main bus stand, main town, Tariq bridge,

Highway, Salani bridge, Panja chowk and again culminated at district police lines.

Territorial Officers of District Rajouri and officers of CAPF were also a part of this march which mainly aimed towards area domination as well as area familiarization besides upgrading security arrangements.

# KVK Reasi organizes Training Programme on Organic Vegetables Cultivation



KVK Reasi scientist guiding farmers on organic vegetables cultivation at Kothian village in Reasi distt. of J&K.

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REASI: The training session on "Organic vegetables cultivation" conducted by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, under the supervision of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J). Held at Kothian village in Pouni block, the program witnessed enthusiastic participation from local farmers and was organized under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi, and Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Senior

Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, played a pivotal role in guiding the trainees on organic vegetable production techniques.

He emphasized the importance of organic inputs in cultivation and encouraged farmers to explore commercial organic vegetable farming as a means to increase income and employment opportunities.

Dr. Lal provided insights into the preparation of organic formulations such as Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, cow urine, and Neemastra, utilizing locally available resources.

Additionally, Dr. Lal discussed organic pest management strategies, disease con-

trol, and weed management, highlighting the crucial role of organic farming in enhancing farmer income.

He advocated for a cluster-based approach to organic vegetable production and introduced farmers to protected cultivation techniques for producing high-quality organic vegetables.

Throughout the training program, Dr. Banarsi Lal addressed farmers' queries satisfactorily, fostering an interactive learning environment. The session also featured insights from progressive farmer Amit Sharma, who shared his organic farming experiences with fellow farmers, enriching the learning experience.

Neelam Devi, Sarpanch of the area, expressed gratitude to KVK, Reasi, for organizing the informative program, emphasizing its utility for local farmers. The program was efficiently assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi.

# PM Modi has blessings of people: Vibodh

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RAJOURI: In a big jolt to National Conference and PDP, top social and political leaders from Rajouri-Poonch including senior AAP leader and General Secretary Jammu Province, Nazim Mir, Qammar Bhatt, Waqar Ganie, Nasar Mughal, Zahid Hussian Malik, Sahid Afradi, Sahid Bukhari, prominent youth leader Shahbaz Mughal and President Transport Union, Rajouri Ajaz Mir along with hundreds of their supporters joined BJP at BJP headquarters, Rajouri.

Vibodh Gupta, while welcoming the new entrants, said that BJP has worked for the welfare of people irrespective of region and religion.

He highlighted that social and political activists from across the Union Territory are inspired by the vision of the Modi government and are joining the BJP, aiming for a resounding victory in the ongoing LS elections.

Vibodh emphasized that there is a strong wave of



Senior BJP leaders along with new entrants of party after joining programme at Rajouri.

support from the voters of Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat to Apni Party's candidate, Zaffar Manhas, ensuring that the progress, development, and empowerment initiatives initiated under the Modi government continue.

He strongly asserted that all efforts to "defame" and "destabilise" Jammu and Kashmir by the leaders of National Conference will fail as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has the "blessings" of the people.

Speaking at the event,

Senior BJP leader Surjeet Singh Slathia expressed that people are highly enthusiastic about voting in favour of the BJP-aligned Apni Party in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He also welcomed new members to the party and emphasized that the far-sighted vision of the Modi government has impressed the public in large and led them to join the BJP to serve the nation with self-

less commitment and dedication.

Slathia also highlighted various decisions taken by the BJP government that have benefitted all sections of Rajouri, Poonch, and Anantnag, as their long-pending demands were fulfilled.

Welcoming the new entrants, Prafull Pansheriya, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs from Gujarat, who is touring Jammu and Kashmir to campaign in the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok

Sabha seat, stated that the influence of Modi's policies is evident in Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat.

He highlighted the significant support shown by the people towards the decisions of the Modi government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pansheriya emphasized the importance of defeating candidates from the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) to pave the way for peace and development.

Senior BJP leader who congratulated the new entrants and spoke on the occasion were District President Dinesh Sharma, Prabhari Jugal Dogra, senior BJP leader Baldev Baloria, District President, Jammu Parmod Kahphie, Abdul Gani Shawl, senior BJP leader Pushpinder Gupta, Koushal Gupta, Kapil Saryal, Manzoor Nayak, Shazia Tabssum and Samreen Khan.

Young BJP leader Radhish Sharma conducted stage proceedings.

# Cleanliness drive conducted at Jai Valley in Bhaderwah, DC Doda leads drive

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BHADERWAH: Continuing with it's endeavour to ensure the cleanliness and preservation of tourist destinations in Bhaderwah region, District Administration Doda in collaboration with Bhadarwah Development Authority, Municipal Committee, Rural Development Department and others organized a cleanliness drive at famous tourist destination Jai Valley of Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah under 'Swatchhata Pakhwada' during the ongoing week long cleanliness drive.

The initiative aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in these popular tourist destinations and enhance the overall visitor's experience.

The drive conducted in Jai Valley was led by Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh along with ADC Doda Surender Kumar,



Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh and others carrying out cleanliness drive.

ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar, ACR Doda Sunil Bhutyal, CEO BDA Bhaderwah Bal Krishan, CPO Manesh Sharma, ACD Manoj Kumar, Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, BDO Akhil Bhau, EO MC Bhaderwah and other District/Sectoral Officers, students, members Self Help Groups Uneed as well as tourists and visitors.

The cleanliness drive were also covered the Guldanda and Padhri areas of Bhaderwah, with various government offi-

cers, officials, locals and tourists in attendance.

The aim of the cleanliness drive was to raise awareness about the importance of keeping tourist destinations clean and to involve the community in maintaining the beauty of these areas. Participants were seen actively cleaning up the surroundings, collecting and properly disposing of waste, and spreading awareness about the importance of cleanliness.

The District Administration

Doda expressed gratitude to all the participants, government officers, officials, students, Uneed members and locals who took part in the cleanliness drive, and emphasized the importance of such initiatives in preserving the natural beauty of the region.

The main objective behind the sanitation drive in tourist places like Jai Valley, Guldanda and Padhri was to ensure cleanliness, especially with the upcoming tourist season commencing. Another objective was to clean up the beautiful spots to preserve nature.

In this connection, the District Administration Doda, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, has launched a week long massive sanitation drive to ensure a clean and green Bhaderwah.

# National Anti Terrorism Day 2024 observed at GDC Billawar

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KATHUA: NCC wing of GDC Billawar observed Anti Terrorism Day at GDC Billawar.

On the occasion, a poster making program on the theme Anti Terrorism was organised. In this program total 15 cadets of the NCC wing of GDC Billawar participated. All

cadets prepared posters with slogans regarding the menace created by terrorism in the country. They depicted terrorists as the enemy of the nation.

They displayed the patriotic spirit and condemned the acts of terrorism of any kind. Furthermore, the posters were put on display for students and faculty of the col-

lege who appreciated the efforts put by the NCC cadets. Lastly, cadets also presented their speeches against terrorism and raised patriotic slogans.

The programme was carried under the patronage of principal Dr. Alka Sharma and Lt. Akshey Sharma ANO GDC Billawar remained present in the programme.

# School of Mechanical Engineering SMVDU hosts week long training on 3D Printing



Faculty members along with participant students.

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KATRA: A weeklong training on 3D Printing was conducted at the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. The training was conducted by Shane from Adroitec

Information Systems Pvt. Ltd. conducted the training session.

The training included the fundamentals of 3D printing and hands-on sessions on the newly commissioned 3D printing facility at School of

Mechanical Engineering.

The training was attended by students, scholars, staff and faculty members of the school. Pertinently, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU is offering B. Tech. Mechanical Engineering with Honors and Minor specialization in 3D Printing and M.Tech Smart Manufacturing (Mechanical Engineering) from the academic year 2024-25.

Dr. Yatheshth Anand (Head, School of Mechanical

Engineering) lauded the efforts of the staff and faculty members and conveyed thanks to the Prof. Pragati Kumar (HVC SMVDU) and SMVDU administration for the support in developing the state of the art 3D Printing facility in the school.

Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Assistant Professor, SME) coordinated the training program. The school is set to organize more such events for students and professionals of the region in near future.

# KVK Samba celebrates World Bee Day

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SAMBA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Samba under the leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu and guidance of Prof. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu celebrated "World Bee Day 2024" at village Raghuchak of Samba district. More than 50 farmers from Raghuchak village of district Samba were actively participated in the programme. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Saurav Gupta, Sr Scientist Entomology KVK Samba.

Dr. Sanjay Khajuria emphasized the significance of World Bee Day in promoting actions to protect bees and their habitats. He underscored the importance of beekeeping in enhancing crop productivity and doubling farm incomes through value addition, marketing, and grading of honey.

Dr. Saurav Gupta further

elaborated on the theme of "Bee Engaged with Youth" and emphasized the role of young people in bee conservation efforts.

Dr. Gupta's expert lecture highlighted the various benefits of beekeeping, including its potential to improve agricultural production, socio-economic status of farmers, and the importance of bee-derived products. The event also shed light on the challenges faced by bees and other pollinators, emphasizing the need for their conservation for sustainable development.

The participation and appreciation from Yograj Sharma, a progressive farmer from village Raghuchak, further underscored the success of the event. It's heartening to see community engagement and awareness-building initiatives like these, led by institutions like KVK Samba, contributing to the promotion of beekeeping and environmental sustainability.

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