

Common masses eagerly waiting for change: Harsh



Former Minister Harsh Dev Singh addressing a gathering.

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UDHAMPUR: Accusing the BJP at the centre and state of having belied the hopes and aspirations of the people of J&K, Harsh Dev Singh, Former Minister and senior AAP leader on Thursday said that time had come to teach a lesson the those who betrayed the voters by false narrative and deceptive slogans. He said that while the slogans of "corruption free dispensation" and "Sabka saath, Sabka vikas" remained a distant mirage, the bold assertions of "Achhe Din" have continued to remain mired in ambiguity. The saffron rule witnessed uncontrolled inflation, steep rise in petrol and diesel prices and demonetization which gave a stunning blow to the economy of the nation besides

rattling the middle classes and lower income groups. He said that with pre poll promises having transformed into post poll somersaults, the disenchantment of the masses with the saffron party had become more pronounced with each passing day. He said the people were fed up with BJP's deceptive politics and its false promises and were eagerly waiting for a change. He was addressing public meetings in villages Bhugtarian, Chanunta and Jaganoo today. "Not only did the BJP Govt fail on the governance front but the law and order situation deteriorated to an all time low. The internal security became the biggest causality of BJP rule with unprecedented death and destruction shaking peo-

ple's faith in the dispensation ruling the roost. The frequent attacks on security forces, political persons and innocent civilians had belied the tall claims of the govt and shall continue to haunt the people for years to come", asserted Mr. Singh.

With unemployment having assumed alarming proportions, the educated unemployed youth suffered most heavily under the BJP regime. While announcements for creation of two crore jobs every year were made by the central BJP leaders, the delivery on the ground was in inverse proportion to the articulation of the promise itself.

Urging upon the people not to be misled by the deceptive sloganeering of BJP, Singh said that the past eight years of saffron rule should serve as an eye opener for them wherein the people have got nothing except false promises. "Remember the promises of BJP are nothing more than the proverbial search of needle in the haystack. It's AAP alone who would stand by the people in all odds and fight for their rights in all situations", roared Singh.

Army organises audiometry tests, distributes UDID cards among deaf & mute population



Army officials along with beneficiaries.

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BHADARWAH: Four Months after adopting the Mute village of Dadhkai Panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district to address the concerns of it's people, Army while carrying multiple social security programmes for deaf and mute population has gone a step ahead and distributed UDID (Universal Disability Identity Card) at their doorsteps on Thursday. After conducting audiometry and other compulsory physical tests of 105 villagers during last two months at Dadhkai village itself, today UDID cards were distributed among 86 deaf and mute villagers, said Commanding officer 4RR Col Rajat Parmar.

The hilltop village, 105 km from Bhadarwah town, is home to 107 families. Of these, 58 families mysteriously have at least one person who can neither speak nor listen. There are 105 such people in the village, of which 51

are female and 54 male including 30 children aged three to 15 years. Col Rajat Parmar said Rashtriya Rifles has adopted the village in order to ensure the overall welfare of the population, with multiple social security programmes aimed at giving them the confidence to survive and make a living on their own.

"UDID is a step forward and will help disabled persons get government scheme facilities more easily. It will also save them from the harassment they sometime face," Col Parmar said. UDID cards were distributed among 48 male and 38 females by CO 4RR and BMO Gandoh Dr Shafiqat in a function organised by 4RR at Dadhkai village. The elated deaf and mute villagers in their sign language expressed gratitude to Army for adopting their village and helping them in a big way by instilling confidence among them.

Pahari Tribe ST Forum holds Youth Rally

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RAJOURI: Upholding National Flags and carrying placards, hoardings, Pahari Tribe ST Forum held a peaceful youth/students rally at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri. Chanting National slogans of pride and unity crowd demanded the earliest rendering of much promised due ST status to the marginalized, downtrodden and squeezed Pahari Tribe. Later delegation also submitted representation to the higher official of district administration, Rajouri including ADDC Pawan Parihar ADC Sachin Dev Singh and Ad. SSP Vivek Shekhar.

Pertinent to mention recently Jammu and Kashmir Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission has submitted its interim and supplementary reports to the Government on reservations to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Pahariis and inclusion of new areas and castes in the OBC category.

A final call is now expected to be taken shortly by the Jammu and Kashmir Government followed by the Union Home Ministry after which the issue of reservations will go to the Parliament.

Interacting during the rally speakers in one voice raised concerns of their down trodden condition and appealed GOI to furnish



Forum members presenting memorandum to ADDC Pawan Parihar and other officials.

their due long pending demand of ST status during the upcoming Monsoon session of Parliament.

The speakers also pointed this time centre is lead by a government having complete majority and a PM with firm conviction who can address this genuine demand of much deprived tribe. From time to time different committees declared Pahari as the downtrodden ethnicity.

Further added that since 1989 every government befooled Pahari tribe and for mere political gains again and again assured with false promises but now general public of the tribe has full faith that this government must address the issue. They recalled all CMs, Governors and even past PM's recommended and assured the ST status to the much deprived ethnicity but unfortunately the promise not fulfilled till the present. The event was conducted and managed by Adv. Ahsan Mirza and Vikrant

Sharma. Those prominent executive members of PT ST Forum who acted as the observer of the event includes Gurdev Thakur, Shakti Sharma, Sajjad Mirza, Hameed Malik, Manir Mirza, Vishal Pahari, Rajinder Sharma, Pervaiz Khan, Ahemad Khan, OP Sharma, Kewal Krishan, Subash Sharma, Suneet Singh, Rangbaz Khan and Mujib Khan.

Prominent Young Guns who spoke and were present includes Surjeet Thakur, Muneeb Rawaz Alam, Rizwan Khan, Arslan Malik, Vikrant Verma, Reyaz Qazi, Awais Rashid, Manoj Pandit, Ashfaq Mirza, Tariq Aziz, Reyaz Qazi, Vikram, Ajaz Malik, Mehtab Sabri, Rashid Khan, Zahir Mirza, Farid Qazi, Yaaqob Khan, Asrar Mirza, Murtaza Mirza, Nadeem Malik, Shabir Mirza, Vansh Sharma, Farhan Mirza, Farook Qazi, Hadi Mirza, Shazad Malik and Rahil Mirza.

MBBS first Prof result : GMC Doda records 98 pc & highest distinctions in Biochemistry

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DODA: Government Medical College Doda has among Jammu Division GMCs with 98% result and highest number of Distinctions (14) in the Biochemistry subject.

The result of MBBS first Prof - January- February 2022 was declared today and the students brought laurels to the newly established GMC Doda in term of overall results.

"The highly admired achievement of the GMC Doda is its results in the

Biochemistry subject in which the College recorded 98% result and highest number of Distinctions (14) among all the Medical Colleges of Jammu Divisions" an official handout stated.

It further stated that the civil society, Social Organisations, PRIs and locals including founder Principal of the College Dr Tariq Parvez Azad have applauded and congratulated the Principal Dr Noor Ali, faculty of Biochemistry (Dr Kumduni, Dr Ashraf Khan, Dr Showkat Batt, Dr Gurjinder, Dr Wasim and Kiran) and all those who contributed in achieving this feat.

80 vaccinated, 1,149 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per the District Immunization Officer, Ramban Dr. Suresh, the Health Department administered Covid vaccine to 80 persons in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol, the Enforcement teams urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccine doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, the Health Department has collected 1149 samples including 421 RT-PCR and 728 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 80 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.



A participant receiving certificate.

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UDHAMPUR: Two days training programme on "Karmayogi Police- custodians of society"

which commenced in the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur on June 29, concluded on Thursday. 36 police officers/officials have been trained in eight modules as per the workbook provided by the Capacity Building Commission. This is the fourth such course which is organized in the Academy. In his valedictory address Suraj Singh, Dy.SP, Asstt. Director (Tlg/R&D) has laid emphasis to inculcate 'SevaBhav' in dealing with general public. The more we become Karmayogi Policemen, the more our Seva Shakti will manifest itself, the more positive impact we can make on society. A very positive response has been received from the participating officers/officials and seemed confident to serve the society in a better way.

The course was conducted by the Master trainer Suraj Singh, Asstt. Director (Tlg/R&D).



A resource person educating SHG leaders.

group leaders, concept and book-keeping of SHG, activities undertaken by the SHG, etc. The duties & responsibilities of the President / Secretary, internal lending within SHG, and relationship with banks were explained in detail. They were further informed about the role of bankers in SHG formation,

their linkage, and the development of enterprise. They were asked to open individual accounts of SHG members with banks. He spoke in detail about the social responsibility of the banks, women empowerment & SHG as a medium of change in society. He asked NGO to open individual accounts of SHGs members

Training programme on Karmayogi Policepersons concludes at SKPA

GDC Dudu Basantgarh organises slogan-writing competition on cyber security awareness

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DUDU: Govt. Degree College Dudu Basantgarh, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, organised slogan writing competition on "Cyber Security awareness". The programme was organised to implement the Scheme, "Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (14C)".

Students of the college actively participated in the competition. All the participants put forth



Faculty along with students during the programme.

certain important information and knowledge about cyber security through their slogans

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Principal Dr Bhavnaish Chand who

laid emphasis on the importance of cyber security in a techno-savvy world. While speaking about the threats posed by hackers, he advised the students to make proper use of internet and e-services. The programme was concluded with the final remarks of Prof. Pradeep Kumar who motivated the students to take part in such activities so that they can conquer stage fright as well as boost their morale to tackle the future challenges.

Labour Department, DLSA organise awareness programme for migrant labourers, other construction workers

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KISHTWAR: To educate and ensure the implementation of the directions of the Supreme Court of India in letter and spirit, an awareness programme for the migrant Labourers and other construction workers of district Kishtwar was today organised by Department of Labour in collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority here at Conference Hall, DC Office complex Kishtwar. About 150 labourers of different categories and those from Pakal Dul Hydro Power project and other places participated in the said

programme. Assistant Labour Commissioner, Amit Kumar, Labour Officer Fulail Singh, representative from District Legal Service, Advocate Pooja Sharma besides other concerned officials imparted awareness to the participants. The speakers of gave a detailed insight about various labour laws and Welfare Schemes meant for the workers. In addition to the awareness, problems and difficulties faced by the migrant labourers were also noted down. The Assistant Labour Commissioner interacted with the labourers regarding the issues faced by them and informed about the welfare schemes of the government for the workers like e-shram and PM-Shram Yogi Maan Daan Yojna, etc. Representative from District legal Service, Adv Pooja Shan briefed about the basic labour laws including Payment of Wages Act, Minimum Wages Act, Maternity Benefit Act, Child Labour

Act, besides general discussion were held with the labourers. The Labour Officer also gave elaborate account of the benefits of Labour cards to the labourers under Building and Other Construction Act (BOCA)

Pamphlets with details of PMSYM, e-SHRAM and JKBOCWW Schemes were also distributed among the labourers during the programme.

Arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha finalised in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Pawan Kumar on Thursday chaired a meeting to discuss and finalize the arrangements for auspicious occasion of Eid ul Adha.

The meeting discussed arrangements for uninterrupted water and power supply, Medicare facilities, parking facilities, transport etc for the devotees at the venues of Congregational prayers. The ADDC stressed upon the officers to provide all requisite facilities to the public like

DECC organises job fair, awareness programme at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The District Employment & Counselling Centre Udhampur on Thursday organized a one day Job Fair/Awareness Programme in the office premises here on Thursday.

The companies M/S Agrico Organics Ltd, M/S National Packing Industries, M/S Dominos Pizza, M/S Rajshree Automobiles Pvt. Ltd and M/S Fair Deal participated in the Job fair which provided a common platform for job

seekers and job providers (private sector). Over 400 unemployed youth from different corners of district Udhampur participated in the Job Fair. Speaking on the occasion, Priyanka Gupta, Assistant Director Employment, impressed upon the youth to avail the opportunity of Job Fair & reap the benefit of different self-employment schemes offered by different government departments. The Employment Department has ensured to organize such fairs

was directed to conduct a cleanliness drive in the town during the festival. The ADDC also asked the concerned officer from the Health Department to keep available all the Medicare facilities for the public to meet any emergency. The concerned officer from FCS & CA were asked to keep a check on overpricing, profiteering, black-marketing. Officers who attended the meeting included DSHO, Dr Sarfraz Naseem Chowdhary, Dy CMO, Dr Anees Altaf Nabi, AC FS, Ajeet Singh;

quarterly, where on the spot registration of job seekers is also being done.

Earlier, Raghubir Gandotra, Executive Member & Ravinder Thakur, Executive Member (Industrial Area Battal Ballian) Udhampur gave a detailed account of the terms & conditions and nature of the Job being provided to the youth. They also elaborated on the working of Industries and contribution in providing jobs to the local unemployed youth.

ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushatq Ahmed; ExEn PDD Rajouri, Hasan Mohd; AD FCS&CA, Arief Lone and other concerned officers. Religious leaders and traders including President Beopar Mandal, Rajesh Gupta; Farooq; Mohd Farooq; Haji Mohammad Yousif; Mohammad Hanief Raza; Haji Mohammad Yaqoob; Murawat Hussain; Hamir Mohammad Shamsi; Mohammad Yousif; Wali Hussain and Gulam Rasool Hussain were also present in the meeting.

NC flays Govt for forcing children to study under open sky in Panchayat Mathyani

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KALAKOTE: Th. Yashu Vardhan Singh, Additional Spokesperson and Incharge Kalakote Constituency, National Conference has slammed the government for its serious misgovernance which is evident from the fact that school going children of Panchayat Mathyani, Mohra Sahn in Kalakote have been forced to study under the open sky in absence of any proper school building. He said that this is no less than cruelty with these tender aged section of the society.

During his visit to Panchayat Mathyani along with Ashok Sharma, District President Rajouri Rural, Yashu Vardhan said that the incumbent proxy government in Jammu and Kashmir run by the B-JP Govt at the Centre has failed on all fronts with the common people of this region struggling amidst miserable conditions thrust upon them due to utter misgovernance. He said that if the authorities can't respond rather get moved by the plight of children studying under open sky amid weather vagaries, hardly any good can be expected of this

government in absence of any representative Govt in this sensitive Union Territory.

Th Yashu Vardhan Singh said that it is really an irony of the people of this Union Territory that while the Govt keeps parroting tall claims about its National Education Policy (NEP) the ground realities are quite contrary be it the infrastructure or the teachers or some other ancillaries necessary for the schooling of children. He appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for his immediate intervention in the matter and make appropriate arrangements for the sake of studying children of this Panchayat.

Ashok Sharma, District President Rajouri Rural, NC, said that it seems that the Lt Governor is not being informed about the ground realities by his team of bureaucrats on sensitive and significant issues.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Ashok Kumar Office Secretary, Vivek Sharma Youth President Kalakote, Baldev Singh, Surjeet Singh, Purana Singh, Nand Lal, Jia Lal and Satish.

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