

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 to 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 vikaas" 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 Bhogtarian, 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 people

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 slogan 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.

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) 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 Kumuni), Dr Ashraf Khan, Dr Showkat Batt, Dr Gurjinder, Dr Wasim and Kiran and all those who contributed in achieving this feat.

On this occasion, Amit Kumar DDM NABARD explained the role of self-help

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,

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 Dadkhai Panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district to address the concerns of its 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 Dadkhai 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 sometimes face," Col Parmar said. UDID cards were distributed among 48 male and 38 females by CO 4RR and BMO Gandoh Dr Shafqat in a function organised by 4RR at Dadkhai 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 Parhar 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 Paharis 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 to the GOI to furnish



Forum members presenting memorandum to ADDC Pawan Parhar 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 down trodden 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 yet. 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 Mujahid Khan.

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

Awareness camp on legal services provided to mentally challenged held

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KATRA: An awareness programme regarding legal services and provision of Health care and Medical services available for mentally ill and disabled persons was organised at Community Health Centre Katra here today under the Chairpersonship of (Sub judge) (Chairperson Tehsil Legal Services Committee Katra).

On the occasion, Dr. Gopal Dutt Block Medical Officer Katra enlightened participants regarding various types of Mental disorders and their prevention. Advocate Raj Kumar of Tehsil Legal Services Committee Katra briefed on the legal services

available for mentally ill and disabled persons including their legal rights.

Dr. Disha, MLHP HWC Dhanori threw light on Mental Health problem and Dr. Komal, MLHP HWC Akli shed light on National Mental Health program, State Mental Health program and Distt. Mental Health program. Dr. Sumera Khan, MLHP Health & Wellness centre Sarna hosted the program.

Others who participated in the program were Doctors, Paramedical staff, MLHP, ASHA workers, paralegal volunteers, staff members of tehsil legal services committee Katra.

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



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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 activates so that they can conquer stage fright as well as boost their morale to tackle the future challenges.

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

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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

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

Earlier, Raghbir Gondatra, 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.

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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

drinking water, sanitation, Medicare, transport, uninterrupted power and water supply and other necessary facilities. The Police authorities were directed to deploy adequate police personnel on the holy day for the security of the public. The Traffic authorities were directed to prepare well thought-out traffic management and parking plans in order to ensure hassle-free to-and-fro movement of vehicles on the scheduled day. The Fire and Emergency Department was directed to keep the Fire tenders on alert, while the MC

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 intensify market checking 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, Ajeeb Singh, ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq 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 Hanif Raza; Haji Mohammad Yaqoob; Murawat Hussain; Hamir Mohammad Shamsi; Mohammad Yousif; Wali Hussain and Gulam Rasool Hussain were also present in the meeting.

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