

J&K setting new records of development under Modi Govt: Sukhnandan

Lift Irrigation Scheme Sohanjana to be made operational for agricultural purposes only

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Former Minister Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar on Saturday said Jammu and Kashmir is shaping new records of development under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sukhnandan, while addressing the gathering at Sohanjana (Tawi Island Phallian Mandal in Marh constituency), lambasted the previous governments of the NC, Congress and PDP accusing them of misappropriating the funds meant for the development of these regions.



Choudhary Sukhnandan Secretary Ashok Parmar also invited Commissioner the spot to start Lift irriga-

tion Scheme at Sohanjana only for agricultural purposes.

Parmar assured the villagers to start the project at an earliest for the benefit of villagers.

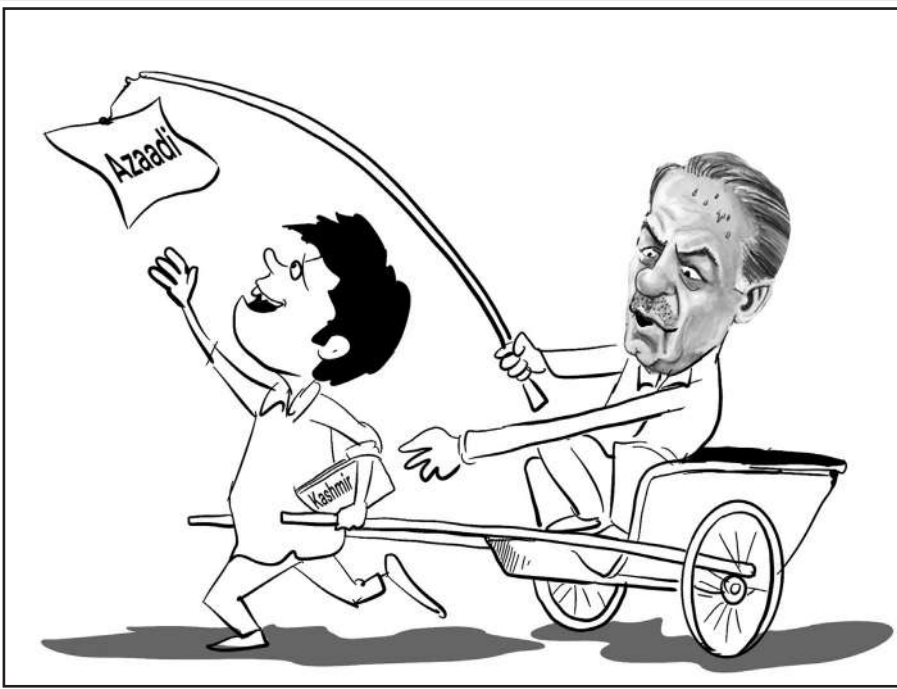
The former minister enumerated various development works initiated in Jammu by the BJP government and said, "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir government prioritized the development projects related to Jammu and Kashmir and in no time it will witness world-class infrastructure with modern technology in every field.

Special emphasis has been

laid on developing the under-developed areas, especially the far-flung and the hilly areas with difficult terrain, he said.

Sukhnandan said that under the Modi government all communities have been strengthened socially, economically and politically. He also spoke on the specific projects and policies of the BJP government that have provided benefits to the locals.

Besides, Ashok Parmar, the Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Umesh Manchanda, Sarpanch Balbir Singh Sohanjana and other officers and prominent citizens of area were present.



Targeting modifiable risk factor lowers burden of CVD: Dr Sushil

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POONCH: Continuing the tradition of service and empathy as laid down by the renowned leader Late Yashpal Sharma, a health check up camp was organized by Dr. Sushil Sharma at Navgreh Temple, Ajote, Poonch to commemorate the six months of the passing away of people's leader.

The camp started in the wee hours of morning and was inaugurated by Advocate Sunil Sharma, Chairman, Municipal Council, amidst the melodious symphony of Vedic mantras.

Dr. Sushil Sharma first started the CVD awareness drive from aforesaid village in 2014 at the insistence of Late Yashpal Sharma who always felt that this border area has ranked low on the indices of accessibility, affordability and availability in the healthcare sector.



While interacting with common populace and attendees for health check up cum awareness camp, Dr. Sushil Sharma and his team informed that besides the above mentioned issues, the border areas have multiple issues which bring uncertainty and unpredictability in the lives of border residents thereby putting extra toll on their health.

Further, a significant majority of POJK displaced section is living in Poonch area, and the effect of displacement on CVD and mental health is not a secret affair.

Due to these interrelated risk factors that influence cardiovascular health, which involve aspects of economies and societies, a singular, time-limited commitment will not suffice rather it requires long-term interventions and sustainable solutions, he said.

But to begin with it is necessary to identify the particular barriers that exist in resource-constrained or tough geographical settings, he added.

The most common barriers observed worldwide is the lack of awareness on the part of affected individual, reluctance to take medications for conditions that are asymptomatic or which

cause side-effects, and difficulties in remembering to adhere to treatment regimens, especially if they are complex, Dr Sushil said adding that it has even been observed by that some patients harbor beliefs that pills are unnatural and that taking pills reminds them they are "unhealthy".

Furthermore, targeting modifiable factors including tobacco use, high salt intake, high cholesterol diet, that contribute most significantly to the burden of CVD is an effective strategy to mitigate CVD burden, he informed.

More than 700 patients were examined, evaluated and advised during the camp. ECG, Blood Sugar, HBA1C and lipid profile was conducted and free medicines were also given as per the requirements.

Others who were part of the camp include Dr Shahbaz Khan (Physician Specialists). Paramedics and volunteers include Dr Vivek Arya, Dr Satish Sharma, Dr Udespal Sharma, Raghav Rajput, Maqsood Ahmed, Maneet Kumar, Akshay Kumar, Amandeep Singh, Aman Gupta, Rajkumar, Vikas Kumar, Jagjit Singh, Nirjyote Singh, Sukhjyote Singh, Nirvair Singh and Rishav Sudan.

Y V Sharma accuses Kashmir-based leaders of indirectly inciting communal passions, encouraging terrorism

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Saturday accused Valley-based political leaders of indirectly inciting communal passions, provoking violence and encouraging terrorism.

It alleged that both the National Conference and the PDP feel that everything is alright when they are in power but become ardent supporters of Pakistan and ask the central government to talk to the neighbouring country to solve the Kashmir issue when they are out of power.

J-K BJP spokesperson Y V Sharma lambasted former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti for issuing baseless and irresponsible statements and accused them of indirectly inciting communal passions, provoking violence and encouraging terrorism, which, he said, is almost on its wane after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

He cited "Dr Abdullah's statement that terrorism won't end unless government wins the hearts of the people in J-K and seeks its solution and Mehbooba Mufti's outburst that BJP is rejecting the conditions under which it joined the nation to buttress his allegations.

These rulers in J-K made them (youths) tools of blackmail and tried to isolate the people of J-K from the rest of the country and creating a mini



nation within the grand Indian nation, arousing communal and religious passions, Sharma said.

He also targeted the Kashmiri leaders over the exodus of the Pandits.

"Why did these leaders not make any effort to stop these migrations? Does it not show their tacit approval? If they are the real leaders of Kashmir, why have they failed to convince the people of Kashmir to ensure the safe, secure and dignified return of these helpless people to their homes back in Kashmir."

Sharma said the government of India is using all its resources in the best possible way to win the hearts of the people and to ensure peace, prosperity, progress, development and goodwill of all in J-K. "The quick enhancement of facilities in almost all fields of activity like agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, local-self government, road connectivity and communication, tourism, governance, trade and industry, health and education, general amenities in the lives of the people etc are there for everyone to see," he added.

The rousing reception of the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims by the Muslim community in Kashmir and the rush of tourists at various tourist resorts are welcome steps. They show the confidence of the people in the security arrangements, the BJP spokesperson said.

ADGP Jammu visits Yatra transit camp Ramban, takes stock of security arrangements



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh during visit to Yatra Transit Camp at Lamber, Ramban.

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Saturday visited Yatra Transit Camp at Lamber, Ramban where he took stock of security arrangements put in place for the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra and interacted with the jurisdictional and CRPF officers and sought their reports regarding the security arrangements. The ADGP Jammu was accompanied by DIG DKR Sunil Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma and ASP Ramban Rajni Sharma besides other officers. During his visit, the ADGP reviewed the security arrangements for smooth Yatra. The purpose of the visit, he said, was to review the movement of Yatra convoys, arrangements at the LangarS and lodgment centres and to remove difficulties if any. The ADGP visited the 'Langars' (community kitchens), parking places and gave on spot directions to the officers. He emphasized that local & highway security grid need to be kept fully geared up at all levels and joint efforts of all security forces must continue for the smooth conduct of pilgrimage.

Coop Societies engines of rural economy: Yasha Mudgal

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RAMBAN: Describing cooperative movement as engine of rural economy, Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal, on Saturday asked the District Administration to engage more youth in setting up of viable Cooperative Societies across the UT of J&K. The Secretary made these remarks during a function - Sehkar Se Samridhi - here on Saturday to felicitate the members of 28 newly-formed Cooperatives Societies of district Ramban.

Mudga underlined the need to inculcate the spirit of collective responsibility of all members which, she said holds key to formation of a successful Cooperative Society. She advised the Cooperative



Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal and others during the function.

Department to extend all support to the newly-formed Cooperative Societies in availing the incentives under various flagship schemes of the Department like Yuva Sehkar, Ayushman Sehkar, Food Processing Unit etc.

Making a special reference to the indulgence of youth under the Youth Club initiative of Mission Youth Project, Yasha

Mudgal advised the DDC Ramban to help link the Department with enterprising youth to start gainful ventures. She also asked the Deputy Registrar to extend handholding to aspiring entrepreneurs so that they get a level playing field in competitive commercial markets. Laying emphasis on promoting formation of Cooperatives in local produce,

Yasha Mudgal appreciated the idea floated by DDC Member Renuka Katoch in exploring new Societies in the food and vegetable sector like Kasroor, Guchhis and other forest produce. She also focused on scaling up Anardana through the Cooperative movement.

Yasha Mudgal also asked the DDC Ramban to identify suitable land for construction of

Cooperative Super Bazaars. Earlier, Deputy Registrar, Cooperatives assured the Secretary Cooperatives to widen the scope of the Cooperative movement in the district and formation of more Societies that will help youth to establish successful units. Expressing gratitude to Secretary Cooperatives for attending the function, the

DDC Members also highlighted the need to engage rural youth in setting up of vibrant gainful ventures in various lines of activities with focus on local produce.

Later, Yasha Mudgal distributed certificates of registrations amongst members of 28 newly-formed Cooperative Societies. Among others, the function was attended by DDC Members; Rakesh Thakur, Balbeer Singh and Renuka Katoch, PRI representatives, District Development Commissioner; Mussarat Islam; Additional Deputy Commissioner; Harbans Sharma and Deputy Registrar, Cooperatives, Priyanka Sharma besides large number of locals.

Oath by the President in terms of Art-60 includes to preserve, protect & defend Constitution & the law

As protector of Constitution President of India is above any Religion/Sect/Party/Vote bank considerations Vested with executive power of Union President also holds supreme command of Defence Forces

■ DAYA SAGAR

President of India, the first citizen of India who once enters office as protector of constitution of India and as the supreme commander Defence Forces of the Union is no doubt nearly provided immunity for removal by impeachment (Art-61) even by Parliament where the impeachment has to be vouched by 2/3rd majority of the total membership of both houses and that too with the President having the right to appear and to be represented at such investigation but it has also been laid down under Art-74 (after 42nd and 44th constitution amendments of 1974 and 1976 respectively) that there shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President who shall, in the exercise of his functions, act in accordance with such advice (Provided that the President may require the Council of Ministers to reconsider such advice, either generally or otherwise, and the President shall act in accordance with the advice tendered after such reconsideration. The question whether any, and if so what, advice was tendered by Ministers to the

President shall not be inquired into in any court). Ofcourse the Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister but once one is appointed as Prime Minister he gets in a way 'ultimate power' as long as one enjoys support of majority in Lok Sabha for retaining the position as PM.

Not only that in terms of Art-77 of COI (1) All executive action of the Government of India are to be expressed to be taken in the name of the President, (2) orders and other instruments made and executed in the name of the President shall be authenticated in such manner as may be specified in rules to be made by the President, and the validity of an order or instrument which is so authenticated shall not be called in question on the ground that it is not an order or instrument made or executed by the President and (3) the President shall make rules for the more convenient trans-action of the business of the Government of India & for the allocation among Ministers of the said business but with the rider (Article-

74) that president shall go with the advice of the council of Ministers for that. All to be done with the advice of Council of ministers but the papers would reflect to a common man (with limited access to rules) that for actions it is President who is responsible.

So, One would ask in case the President has to go with the advice of the Council of Ministers which is appointed on the strength of the political party/group holding majority in the Lok Sabha (Lower house) how could the responsibility to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution be pinned on oath in the person of the President to the best of one's ability?

While discussing the constitutional status of the President of India it will also be worthwhile to have a look at Art-124 of COI (THE UNION JUDICIARY) which says that 1) There shall be a Supreme Court of India consisting of a Chief Justice of India and, until Parliament by law prescribes a larger number, of not more than seven other Judges where every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal on the recommendation of the



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National Judicial Appointments Commission referred to in article 124A and shall hold office until he attains the age of sixty-five years provided that among other things is in the opinion of the President, a distinguished jurist. The other important and related feature is contained in Art-124(4) which says A Judge of the Supreme Court shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the President passed after an address by each House of Parliament supported by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that House present and voting has been presented to the President in the same session for such removal on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity. Parliament may by law regulate the procedure for the presentation of an address and for the investigation and proof of the misbehaviour or incapacity of a Judge .Removal of a Judge is not that protected as is impeach-

ment of President. Removal of a PM too is not that protected.

As regards the appointment of President of India ofcourse it has to be by election but through an indirect mode of election as prescribed in Art-54 of constitution of India which says the President shall be elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of- (a) the elected members of both Houses of Parliament; and (b) the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States/UTs but for that Art-55 prescribes that as far as practicable, there shall be uniformity in the scale of representation of the different States and for securing such uniformity among the States inter se as well as parity between the States as a whole and the Union, the number of votes which each elected member of Parliament and of the Legislative Assembly of each State is entitled to cast at such election shall be determined in the manner where (a) every elected member of the Legislative Assembly of a State shall have as many votes as there are multiples of one thousand in the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the State by the total

number of the elected members of the Assembly (b) if, after taking the said multiples of one thousand, the remainder is not less than five hundred, then the vote of each member referred to at (a) shall be further increased by one and (c) each elected member of either House of Parliament shall have such number of votes as may be obtained by dividing the total number of votes assigned to the members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States by the total number of the elected members of both Houses of Parliament, fractions exceeding one-half being counted as one and other fractions being disregarded.

So in a democratic republic like India the role and status of the President of India has to be very intimately, & selflessly and rising above all personal /political /communal/ sectoral interests realised by every Indian citizen, particularly by those filing their application for contest, those who support the nomination of a candidate and above all by all the members of the electoral college i.e members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and legislative Assemblies of States & UTs.

In common man language

the President of India is elected through indirect election by the people of India through their elected representatives who carry individually a vote value nearly in proportion to the averaged population at the back of a representative coming from a State/UT. The other spirit behind the principles enshrined in the terms of the appointment of a President is that the presidential election should not be held projecting the contesting candidate as being a candidate of a Political

party, each member of the electoral college should exercise his/ her option in terms of his/ her free will & assessment also reflects from sub- Section-3 of Article - 55 which says that the election of the President shall be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and the voting at such election shall be by secret ballot.

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JAI DATTI MAA

All the biradri members of All India Chogga Mahajan Biradri have been intimated that with the blessings of Mata Rani, MURTI STHAPNA of Datti Maa & Bawa Kaliveer Ji is scheduled to be performed on 17th July 2022 (Sunday). Pooja will begin at 09:00 AM followed by Bhandara (Langar) at 12:30 PM at Muralian, Bishnah Road, Miransahib Jammu.

Requesting You all to come forward, Pay visit & seek the Blessings

Regards,
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