

## J&K witnessed all-round development under Modi Govt: Vibodh



BJP J&K General Secretary Vibodh Gupta addressing during religious gathering at Rajouri.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta on Sunday highlighted the achievements of nine years of the Modi government and said that Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed "all-round development and inclusive growth" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing a religious gathering in Rajouri, Vibodh cited the Jammu and Kashmir government's decision

to provide a 10-kg additional ration per month at subsidised rates for priority households in the Union territory, a decision which will benefit over 57 lakh people. He strongly asserted that the welfare of the poor is the top priority of LG Manoj Sinha.

Vibodh commended the LG administration for its efforts in implementing digital advancements across various government offices in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). He praised

the administration for making over 400 government services available online through the J&K Public Services Guarantee Act. Speaking about tourism, Vibodh highlighted the successful government initiatives that are yielding positive results in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). There has been a significant increase in the number of tourists visiting the region. Last year, approximately 2 crore tourists visited J&K, and this number is expected to continue growing, he added.

Vibodh also mentioned that J&K is now hosting international summits, including the G20 meeting in Srinagar, as well as national summits such as the National Tribal Festival. The National Tribal Festival witnessed participation from 15 States/Union Territories, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the UT. He maintained that the Modi government is making every effort to empower and uplift tribals in J&K.

## Golden period of state when Azad was CM: DPAP leader



DPAP leaders during the public meeting at Panasa.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**REASI:** Public meeting of DPAP was held Panasa at block and Tehsil Tarakote in which people complained about the poor conditions of the road, electricity cuts. The Health Center does not have doctors and the government school also does not have staff while local people are also facing water problems.

The meeting was presided by Jugal Kishore Sharma, Provincial President DPAP who promised people to raise

these issues with the concerned authorities.

The meeting was attended by Provincial General Secretary Sobit Ali, General Secretary Prakash Singh. District president rural Surinder Bhagat. Shobhit ali, Rehana Anjum, Bashir Ex Sarpanch, Bishan Magotra, Rattan Singh, Dev Raj Bhagat, Sushan Dubey Youth District President, Om Parkash Sharma, Provincial President, Sonu, Layakat, Sultan and Romash.

## 35 Kishtwar youth complete Home Stay Training Course under SANKALP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR:** District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), organized a valediction ceremony to honour the candidates who complete free Home Stay Training Course under SANKALP Scheme.

The event was held at Paddar and witnessed the presence of DDC member Paddar, Hari Krishan Chauhan; SDM Paddar, Arun Badyal; Tehsildar Paddar, Satish Rana and LDM Kishtwar, Pankaj Bhadani besides staff of RSETI Kishtwar and the trainees.

The trainees had the opportunity to share their training experiences with the guests. Their confidence, motivation, and commitment as aspiring entrepreneurs were highly praised by the attendees.

Pankaj Bhadani, the Lead District Manager (LDM),



Organisers along with participating youths.

extended his best wishes to the trainees for their success in future ventures.

He encouraged them to act as ambassadors of RSETI and spread the message in their respective areas to encourage more youth to benefit from the training facilities provided by the Institute. The youth were imparted training to enable them to establish profitable self-employment ventures and offer hospitality services to pilgrims during Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

As a token of recognition, the pass-out trainees were presented certificates on the successful completion of the Home Stay Training Course. The SBI RSETI Kishtwar is playing a crucial role in empowering and equipping aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary skills and knowledge through its comprehensive training programs. These initiatives aim to foster self-employment and contribute towards the overall economic growth of the region.

## Free medical camp organized

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**BANI:** Under the guidance of CMO Kathua and BMO Bani, a free medical camp was organized at Panchyat Chandal.

This initiative was taken by Dr. Jatinder Singh and Sahara Manch with the aim to provide free healthcare services to remote areas. Dr. Rameshwar Singh, a renowned medical professional, examined the patients and ensured the provision of the best healthcare facilities.

The medical camp witnessed an overwhelming response from the local community.

Roshan Manhas, Sarpanch of Panchyat Chandal, warmly welcomed the medical team and extended gratitude to Dr. Jatinder Singh, CMO Kathua, BMO Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, and Sahara Manch for their dedicated efforts in organizing this noble initiative.

Patients attending the medical camp had the opportunity to avail themselves of various healthcare services free of charge, including consultations, examinations, and blood tests. Dr. Rameshwar Singh, with his expertise and compassionate approach, ensured that each patient received the necessary medical attention and care.

The medical camp served as a platform for improving the overall health and well-being of the residents in the remote areas of Panchyat Chandal. By providing accessible healthcare services, the initiative aimed to bridge the gap between medical facilities and underserved communities.

Dr. Jatinder Singh expressed his gratitude to the local authorities and community members for their active participation and support in making the medical camp a resounding success. He emphasized the importance of such collaborative efforts in addressing healthcare challenges faced by remote areas.

## JJM transformed lives of millions of rural Indians: Col Mahan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KATHUA:** Water is not just a resource; it is a lifeline that sustains life and nurtures communities. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme launched by the Modi government holds immense significance in our vision of transforming rural India by ensuring every household has access to safe and adequate drinking water.

This was stated by Col (Retd.) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman, Kathua while inaugurating JJM project worth Rs 1.92 Crores at Nagali area of district Kathua.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC Chairman emphasized the transformative impact of the Jal Jeevan Mission on the lives of millions of rural Indians. He highlighted that the provision of clean drinking water is not only a basic right but also an essential enabler for overall development, health, and prosperity. The mission empowers individuals and communities by freeing them from the burden of water scarcity and safeguarding them against waterborne diseases,



DDC Chairman, Kathua Col Mahan Singh inaugurating JJM project at Nagali area of district Kathua.

he added.

Col Mahan underscored the significance of community participation, stating, "Our mission's success lies in the active involvement of the people at every step. By engaging villagers in planning, implementation, and maintenance of water supply schemes, we ensure their ownership and long-term sustainability." He emphasized that it is not just a

scheme but a vision to transform the lives of rural Indians. He urged all the stakeholders, including government officials, volunteers and community members, to continue working together to ensure the success of the mission, fulfilling the aspirations of every rural household for safe, sustainable, and sufficient drinking water.

Earlier, the DDC Chairman has

undertook a comprehensive visit to the extremely remote and underdeveloped Panchayats of Sialag, Nagali, and Godal, situated within the Bhoond and Dharmahanpur blocks of Kathua district. AEE PHE Basohli, Naib Tehsildar Basohli, RO Basohli, Sarpanches of Sialag, Nagali & Godal, scores of employees of various Depts, BJP Workers and prominent citizens of the area accompanied the DDC Chairman.

Col Mahan Singh has reviewed ongoing JJM works in these remote Panchayats and directed PHE officials & PRI representatives to ensure quality work and timely completion of respective schemes.

In a public-issue redressal meeting held at Nagali Panchayat Ghar, Col Mahan Singh patiently listened to the concerns raised by participants and promptly instructed the relevant officials to take appropriate actions while ensuring timely feedback.

Col Mahan embarked on foot from Nagali to Godal, accompa-

nied by AEE PWD Sub Division Basohli, AE PMGSY Sub Division Basohli, Naib Tehsildar Basohli, and Range Officer Basohli, to assess the feasibility of constructing a fair-weather road connecting the isolated village of Godal and other habitations along the route.

The DDC Chairman assured the residents of the area that a concrete road to Godal would be constructed at the earliest possible time frame, thereby improving connectivity and accessibility for the local population.

As part of his visit, Col Mahan Singh also participated in the "Sampark se Samarthan" Abhiyan organized by Gian Batadia BJP Mandal Parthian Dhar Mahanpur and other party workers. Going door to door, he enthusiastically explained the remarkable achievements of the Modi Government over the past 9 years to the residents.

The DDC Chairman received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the rural communities in this hilly belt.

## DC inspects de-watering work affected areas in Kishtwar Town



DC Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav inspecting water-logging hit areas.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today inspected water-logging hit areas in Kishtwar Township and its surrounding areas of Wasser, Kuleed, Zellna and Sangrambhatta.

The team inspected the ongoing dewatering efforts to address the water logging problem caused in some parts of the town due to heavy rainfall for the last two days.

Accompanied by a team of officers, including Tehsildar, Muneeb Umar; XEN PMGSY, Mohinder Kumar; Executive Officer MC, Ninad Sen; Naib Tehsildar, Sohaib Ahmed and representative from GREF and Secretary District Red Cross Society, Sheikh Asgar, the DC diligently examined the affected areas.

Dr Devansh Yadav informed that the

response mechanism to tackle the situation was activated immediately after the rainfall began. He emphasized that all relevant line departments swiftly mobilized their resources and personnel to expedite the dewatering process in the affected parts of the Town.

The DC further stated that instructions were issued to ensure the prompt clearance of water from all roads and lanes, particularly those leading to critical establishments such as hospitals and receiving stations.

To effectively manage the situation, all line departments, including PWD, Jal Shakti, MC, JPDC, Traffic, and Police, have deployed sufficient manpower and machinery on the ground.

Additionally, a dedicated control room has been established, reachable at 01995259555, to facilitate communication and coordination.

Dr Devansh Yadav emphasized that officers have been designated as nodal officers for different zones to closely monitor the situation within their respective jurisdictions.

The DC acknowledged the significant challenge posed by water-logging due to inadequate drainage in the district. In response, the district administration is expediting efforts to address this deficiency through a comprehensive drainage project, aimed at effectively mitigating future incidents.

Furthermore, the DC urged the general public to exhibit civic sense by refraining from disposing of garbage, plastics, and unwanted materials into the lane drains, as such practices lead to blockages and exacerbate water-logging problems.

For getting information and updates on the current situation, the public is encouraged to contact the designated control room at 01995259555.

## KVK Reasi provides weather based agro advisories to farmers

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**REASI:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) is providing the Agromet Advisory Services to the farmers of Reasi district and educating them on climate smart agriculture so as to increase their farm income.

According to Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi agro-advisory services include agronomical, pest and disease management, soil and water conservation, seed and fertilizers application management, insecticides, pesticides and weedicide management etc. He informed that agromet advisories help the farmers to take weather related decisions like sowing, transplanting, irrigation, harvesting and post-harvest storage, forewarning of livestock related diseases and vaccination of livestock and poultry birds. He said that District Agrometological Unit (DAMU) has been established at KVK, Reasi which is rendering the services to provide the timely weather based information to the farmers of Reasi district. He said that KVK, Reasi is disseminating the agro advisory bulletins to the farmers twice a week on Tuesday and Friday in both Hindi and English by which the farmers are able to manage their crops accordingly and utilize the agro inputs efficiently. He informed that different modes of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are utilized by the KVK to disseminate the block level weather based agro advisories to the farmers. Dr.Lobzang Stanzen, Scientist, Agrometology said that weather is one of the most important factors determining success or failure of agricultural production. He added that KVK has created Whatsapp groups of farmers from different areas to disseminate the timely agro-advisories to them. He added that weather based advisories are helpful to increase the farm income of the farmers by efficiently utilizing the agro and managing their crops timely. He said that KVK, Reasi educates the farmers on extreme weather events like heavy rainfall, hails, snowfall, drought etc. well in time and farmers can save the considerable loss of their crops. He added that farmers can minimize the cost of crops production by utilizing the timely weather based advisories. He added that KVK is encouraging the farmers to avail the benefits of Agromet Services to increase their farm production by minimizing the adverse impact of extreme weather events. Many new farmers are showing enthusiasm towards the agro advisories.

## DC Doda discusses roll-out of IMI 5.0

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**DODA:** Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan on Sunday chaired the meeting of District Task Force for Immunization (DTFI) here in his Office Chamber to discuss the roll-out of Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) Programme in the district.

At the outset, Dy. CMO gave a detailed power-point presentation on the aims and objectives of IMI 5.0. The meeting was informed that first round of immunization under Mission Indradhanush 5.0 will commence from 7th August and continue till 12th of August 2023 followed by the second round from 11th September to 16th September 2023 and third round from 09th October to 14th October 2023 to cover children aged 0 to 2 years and expecting mothers for immunization.

He informed that the programme aims at identifying and selecting the right beneficiary area wise (dropouts and leftout children) for immunisation so that 100% targeted children are immunised.

While explaining the current immunisation scenario in the district, he said that district has recorded some vulnerable spots for Measles, Rubella which are



DC Doda Vishesh Mahajan chairing DTFI meeting.

to be taken up on priority under IMI 5.0 besides covering high risks areas where nomads, labourers engaged in brick kilns and people living in slums will be taken care. The drop-out and left-out children after the head count survey shall be registered on the U-WIN platform. U-WIN is a dedicated platform designed for registration, planning, monitoring, recording, reporting and publishing immunisation programmes.

DC impressed upon the stakeholders to complete the head count survey of all the areas for drop-out and left-out children by 25th of July 2023 by involving ANMs, ASHAs, and other field functionaries. He asked the BMOs to monitor the programme personally, conduct field visits for random checks and take exemplary action against poor performing officials. DC called for village wise ANM

and ASHA workers' details with their contact numbers for random check by the DC office.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the stakeholders to work in synergy to ensure coverage of all dropouts under the Mission. He asked the DPO ICDS Doda, and CEO Doda, to share the list of children with the immunisation team of the district for effective coverage of all the left out and drop out children. He further asked the concerned to give wide publicity to the programme by all means of communication and media for better results. The meeting was attended by ADC Doda Dr. R K Bharti, DPO ICDS Zamir Rishu, CMO Doda Dr Hamid Zargar, CEO Doda Parshotam Kumar Gouria, Dy CMO Doda, DIO Doda, MS Associated Hospital Doda, BMOs and other concerned officials.

## DC Ramban inspects road clearance work on NH-44

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**RAMBAN:** Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, along with SSP Traffic National Highway, Rohit Baskotra and other senior officers today inspected the road restoration works on NH-44, besides assessing the damage to road infrastructure due to flash floods and landslides triggered by incessant rains for the last two days.

The DC was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner,



DC Ramban, Mussarat Islam along with SSP Traffic National Highway, Rohit Baskotra inspecting road restoration works on NH-44.

Harbans Lal, and later joined by Regional Officer NHAI, Patnala Siva Shanker, PD, NHAI PIU, Parshotam Kumar and

other senior officers. The landslides had earlier blocked 270-km long National Highway, at Mehar, Seri, Panthyal

and some other critical spots in Ramban district. The Deputy Commissioner, along with Regional Officer NHAI

inspected the Seri-Chamba stretch, where a portion of the road caved in due to unprecedented increase in the water level in River Chenab.

Earlier on Saturday, the Deputy Commissioner visited Panthyal and inspected the road restoration works following damage to approach road between Tunnels T-5 & T3.

After discussing the measures being taken by NHAI and its concessionaire companies engaged in National Highway four laning project, the Deputy

Commissioner passed on the spot directions to NHAI and executing agencies to mobilise adequate men and machinery for immediate restoration of traffic movement on the stretch. He appealed to the passengers to contact the Traffic Control Room before embarking on their journey on the National Highway.

Meanwhile, the DC also inspected lingers and Lodgement Centres established by the administration in the district for the stay of the pilgrims dur-

ing the road blockade. The DC directed the officers assigned different duties to extend all necessary services to stranded yatis during their stay at Yatri Niwas Chanderkote, Yatra Camp, Lamber and other Lodgment Centres.

In view of rise in water level in rivers and nallas, especially in Chenab River, the Deputy Commissioner has appealed to the people not to venture near the river and follow the advisories being issued by the authorities in this regard.