

A warm welcome to Modi by Indian Community in Moscow

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MOSCOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was warmly welcomed by the Indian community in Russia during an event held in Moscow. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as community members gathered to greet the Prime Minister with affection and respect.

The event concluded with a cultural performance showcasing the rich heritage of India by Russian artists, further reinforcing the strong cultural ties between the Indian community and their host country. Young Bites talked to several people who attended the event. Here are the excerpts of the interaction.



Nitin Aurangabadkar said: "Modi ji first visit to Russia after winning third term as PM of India is highly appreciable. He announced plans to open two consulates will greatly help the Indians living and visiting here for work. His wife Sudeshna Aurangabadkar a teacher in Russia said, "I am feeling proud about the fact that we are living here in Russia and witnessed the Modi magic."



Members of Sikh community who attended the community programme said, "Modi ji represents 140 crore Indians and we are proud of the fact that country is moving in every sphere. We pray to God that Modi ji succeeds in the mission to make India great. He is also working for strengthening the relations between two countries."



Russian Artists: PM Modi received a culturally vibrant welcome from a Russian dance group. Speaking in Hindi, one of the artists said, "We were happy that Modi ji was so close to us. We performed different dance performances to welcome him." The dancers showcased a variety of traditional Indian dances, including those from Gujarat and Rajasthan.



Indian diaspora in Russia expressed immense pride and admiration for PM Narendra Modi during an event in Moscow. Community members voiced their appreciation for Modi's leadership and the positive changes he has brought to India. The sentiment was echoed by many in attendance, who praised the PM for his efforts in enhancing India's global standing and improving the lives of Indian citizens.



The event was a testament to strong bond between the Indian diaspora and their homeland, with attendees celebrating the cultural and economic contributions of Indians in Russia. The evening concluded with a series of cultural performances, showcasing the rich heritage and unity of the Indian community abroad.

Director SCERT JK inaugurates five-day Faculty Development Programme

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Educational Planning, Management, and Monitoring (EPM&M) of SCERT Kashmir Division commenced its five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for newly deputed faculty members of SCERT Kashmir Division and associated DIETs.

The programme was on Tuesday inaugurated virtually by Professor (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K.

In his inaugural address, Professor (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, underscored the imperative of quality education and inclusive practices within the educational framework.

He stressed the importance of fostering robust coordination between SCERT and its associated DIETs to achieve educational excellence.

Dr. Manhas also highlighted recent developments within the SCERT society, including the establishment



of DIETs of excellence and other strategic initiatives aimed at elevating educational standards.

These initiatives, spearheaded under his visionary leadership, are set to transform the educational landscape in the region, he said.

The inaugural session witnessed active participation and insightful discussions on the latest trends in teacher education and the various aspects of working within SCERT and DIETs.

Gulzar Ahmad Dar from EPM&M moderated the sessions, ensuring a seamless flow of events.

Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat from EPM&M presented the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of continuous professional development in enhancing the quality of education.

He also conducted an engaging icebreaking session, fostering a collaborative and interactive environment among the participants.

Nazir Ahmad Najar from the department of EPM&M delivered an enlightening lecture on 21st-century skills, highlighting the need for educators to adapt to the rapidly changing educational

landscape and integrate modern pedagogical practices.

Earlier, Mohd Sultan Khan, Head of Academic Unit II & III, and Head of Academic Unit I spoke on the significance of such programmes in the professional development of faculty members.

They emphasized the critical role that SCERT and DIETs play in transforming the educational ecosystem through innovative teaching practices and strategic planning. Riyaz Ahmad Dar from SCERT Central Development Programmes.

The first day of the FDP set a strong foundation for the upcoming sessions, which will cover various aspects of educational policy, planning, administration, leadership, and the integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in education.

DDC member inaugurates new motor pumps in Maira Mandrian, Balgara Panchayats

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member of District Development Council Pandit Suresh Sharma inaugurated two new motor pumps at a cost of Rs 55 lakh in Maira Mandrian and Balgara Panchayats of Chhamb assembly constituency. The motor pump installed at Maira Mandrian water project costs Rs 17 lakh and at Balgara-Payan water project costs Rs 37 lakh.

Addressing the people on the occasion, Pt. Suresh Sharma said that this was a very long pending demand of the local population and often when the old motor pumps got damaged, people had to wait for 20-25 days for water. Now with the installation of new motor pumps, people will not have to face the problem of water and will get sufficient water. Apart from this, Pt. Suresh Sharma said that in the coming days, an additional motor pump will be installed on each water project (stand by machinery) due to



DDC Member Suresh Sharma inaugurating new motor pump.

which people will not have to face the problem of water.

Pt. Suresh Sharma said that under the leadership of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government's Jal Jeevan Mission project is proving to be very beneficial. Old pipes are being replaced, taps are being installed and new water projects are being made.

Due to this, in the coming days, a new tubewell will be built in Panchayat Maira Mandrian, one in village Targah and one in Payan.

People will get full benefit of this and will get rid of the water problem. The people present there thanked Suresh Sharma for this work and said that he should keep fulfilling their demands in this way.

On this occasion AEE Vishal Khajuria, JE Sangram Singh, BJP Mandal Pardhan Maira Mandrian Ram Lal, Ex Sarpanch Tarlochan Dutt Chanchal Singh, Ashok purohit, cpt. Ratan lal karan singh, vishwanath, Anil manhas, Tarsem Lal Govind Singh were present.

Signature campaign demand of Satellite Duggar Channel continues

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BISHNAH: Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association Jammu took their signatures campaign for long pending demand of Satellite Duggar Channel here in Bishnah Tahsil and informed and educated regarding the importance of Satellite Duggar channel and convince them to support the noble cause. Sh. Shambhu Ram Payasa a well known dogri writer and theater and television actor from Tahsil Bishnah said the Satellite Duggar Channel is the need of the hours to promote the language, culture and heritage of Duggar Land and to save the identity of Dogras.

A large numbers of people from all walk and remote areas of Tahsil Bishnah put their signatures in support of Satellite Duggar Channel and also appreciated the efforts of DADAA for organizing the Signature campaign for the demand of Satellite Duggar Channel and educated the general masses about the importance of Satellite channel.

Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association and prominent citizens of Tahsil Bishnah under the banner of DADAA participated in the rally demanding Satellite Duggar Channel for the protection and development of rich cultural heritage, art and languages of Duggar land in general and for the welfare of artists in particular.

The protesters said that Satellite Duggar Channel will cover the area of Jammu region and also reach near about one hundred thirty six countries.

"Languages other than Dogri which are spoken in Jammu province and its adjoining areas as well as in Pakistan and PoJK are Gojri, Bhaderwahi, Kishitwari, Pahari, Mirpuri, Poonchi, Sheeraji, Paddari and Mujafarabadi," the protesters maintained adding: "Each of these languages has centre base in Jammu and these languages are well understood and spoken in many parts of Pakistan and PoJK, so the Satellite Duggar Channel may effectively counter anti-India propaganda of Pakistan."

They informed that DADAA has also a proposal of such type rallies and signature campaign in all Districts, Tahsils and Towns of Jammu region to seek the support of general public of Jammu region for the demand of Satellite Duggar channel.

SKPA launches 5-day course on new criminal laws for Jammu District Officers, officials



Participating officers and officials posing for a photograph at SKPA Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Today marks the commencement of a 5-day course at SKPA, focusing on New Criminal Laws. A total of 46 officers and officials from District Jammu are actively participating in this training programme.

The primary objective of this course is to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the new criminal laws, emphasizing significant changes and updates. The course aims to equip law enforcement personnel with the necessary knowledge and skills to address con-

temporary challenges in their field. Interactive discussions are being held to facilitate comparisons between the old and new laws, thereby enhancing comprehension and application. This initiative underscores the commitment of the Police to provide relevant and up-to-date training, ensuring that their personnel remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices.

An inaugural function was held at SKPA, with Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta, IPS, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor), serving as the chief guest. In his

welcome address, Shri Gupta warmly greeted all participants and emphasized the importance of being well-prepared to face contemporary challenges in law enforcement.

He also highlighted the significance of understanding the differences between the old and new laws. This initiative reaffirms SKPA's dedication to providing comprehensive and relevant training to its personnel.

The course is being coordinated by Shri Amit Parkash Sehgal, Sr. PO SKPA, with assistance from SI SubashChander.

Rail Link Project Via Reasi to spur economic development: Er. Khatana

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REASI: In a significant move to address grassroots concerns, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Er Gulam Ali Khatana concluded his two-day public outreach programme in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

The MP held a series of public darbars across various locations, including Talwara, Dharmari, Reasi, Arnas, and Bhomag, listening intently to the grievances of local residents. During his outreach programme, the MP was accompanied by former Minister Ajay Nanda, District Vice President Pawan Dev Singh, Vice Presidents Mohd Ikhlakh and Anil Sharma, ST Moreha District President Mohd Rafi, Minority Moreha, and other leaders.

The public darbars saw enthusiastic participation from locals who raised a multitude of issues affecting their daily lives. Primary concerns voiced by the constituents included inadequate road infrastructure, erratic electricity supply, and water scarcity. These basic amenities, crucial for the development and well-being of the region, dominated the discussions throughout the day. Responding to the concerns raised, Er Khatana took



MP Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana conducting public outreach in Reasi District.

immediate action by directing the Reasi district administration to streamline their services. He emphasized the need for hassle-free delivery of government services, insisting that these should be made available to citizens at their doorstep. This directive aligns with the central government's vision of efficient and accessible governance.

Recognizing the gravity of some issues that require intervention at the highest level of the Union Territory administration, the MP sought special attention from Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha. Er Khatana assured the public that he would personally bring these matters to the Lt. Governor's notice, underlining his commitment to resolving the region's pressing problems.

In his address to the gathered citizens, Er Khatana reiterated the Union

Government's dedication to inclusive development. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the government is committed to serving the last citizen of this country without any discrimination," he stated. The MP's words echoed the central government's 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (Together with all, Development for all) philosophy. Highlighting India's progress under PM Modi's leadership, Er Khatana said, "India has achieved new heights in all sectors. This unending pace of development will continue to create more and more infrastructure." He pointed to various national achievements as testament to the country's growth trajectory.

The MP also shed light on a transformative project for the region - the rail link connecting Kashmir to the rest of the

country via Reasi district. Describing it as a game changer, Er Khatana emphasized its potential to revolutionize the district's economy and create new employment avenues for local residents.

This extensive public outreach programme by Er Gulam Ali Khatana underscores the government's efforts to bridge the gap between administration and citizens, especially in regions like Jammu and Kashmir that have historically faced developmental challenges. By conducting on-ground interactions and promising swift action, the MP has set a precedent for responsive governance.

As the two-day programme concluded, there was a palpable sense of optimism among the residents of Reasi district. The direct interaction with a senior parliamentarian and the assurance of their concerns being addressed at the highest levels of government have instilled hope for accelerated development in the region. The success of this outreach initiative may well serve as a model for similar programmes across Jammu and Kashmir, potentially ushering in a new era of participatory democracy and development in the Union Territory.