

BJP committed to enhancing farm productivity, farmers welfare: Slathia

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Highlighting the significance of agriculture sector in the Indian economy, former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia lauded the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his pro-farmer policies and prioritising the enhancement of their livelihoods through comprehensive and sustainable initiatives during the past over a decade.

Addressing Kissan Morcha Samelan At Village Naaran Ghagwal in Samba, Slathia enumerated some of these initiatives, like increased MSP for major crops, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and crucial measures like market reforms and farmer empowerment.



BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Samba.

Slathia referred to the BJP's unwavering commitment for holistic agriculture development with focus on giving fillip to this vital sector, not only for enhancing the productivity but also to ameliorate the economy of the major chunk of the population, directly or indirectly involved with agriculture. He said the BJP's policies focus on improving agriculture productivity, ensuring food security and uplifting the

socio-economic status of farmers. For more information. The forward looking measures have yielded discernible results on ground, he added. Slathia lauded the had toil of farmers in boosting the agricultural economy across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, saying this is being acknowledged by the nation with a sense of pride. Multi-pronged strategies are underway to enhance the economic conditions of

peasants and under this flagship scheme, financial assistance of ₹6,000 per year is being provided to small and marginal farmers. So far over 11 crore farmers have benefited from this scheme, ensuring a steady income to support their agricultural activities, he added. Surjeet Singh Slathia hoped the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir, as elsewhere in the country, will benefit from the schemes currently under

vogue. He exhorted the Karyakartas to reach out to the farmers and aware the about the schemes initiated by the government for their welfare.

Responding to the issues flagged by the farmers during the Sammelan, Slathia said these will be taken up at appropriate forums for early redressal.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Inderjeet Sharma, Sangathan Mantri, Kashmiri Singh President BJP Samba, Sarabjeet Singh Johal President Kissan Morcha, Mohinder Kumar President Kissan Morcha Samba, Narayan Singh Incharge Samba Constituency, Rashpal Verma Secretary OBC, DDC Suresh Kumar, Naresh Upadhaya Mandal President, Amar Singh Ex President BJP Samba and others.

DDC member meets Director Floriculture, demands new parks, beautification of Chhamb, Akhnoor

STATE TIMES NEWS
AKHNOOR: Bhartya Janta Party BJP senior leader and member of District Development Council, Suresh Sharma, met Director Floriculture Department, Sardar Jitendra Singh and discussed few issues of Chhamb and Akhnoor assembly constituencies.

Suresh Sharma shared with the Director that there are big ancient ponds in both the constituencies with vacant places on the banks of the ponds in the Kandi area. They should be developed to make beautiful by building parks there. He said that Akhnoor and Chhamb are many historical and ancient temples. Thousands of people from far flung and distance places attend the annual fairs there every year. The adjoining areas should also be developed by building



BJP leader Suresh Sharma calling Director Floriculture Department, Sardar Jitendra Singh.

parks for the temples. Pt. Suresh Sharma further said that parks should be established in rural areas as well, on the lines of urban areas, Along with the park, a walking path should also be built so that people can take walk there and enjoy the clean environment.

Director General Sardar Paramjit Singh listened to everything carefully and assured that keeping all the points in mind, visits will be made to all places and parks will be built wherever land is available so that the beautification of the area can increase even more.

BJP leader Sahil Gupta distributes saplings among people

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BISHNAH: BJP Leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councilor Sahil Gupta along with members distributed saplings at KC Morh Chowkn Bishnah which included DDC member Dharminder Kumar, SHO Bishnah Abid Bukhari, Social Worker Dr Rajiv Bhagat, ASI Naresh Digra and BJP Sr. leader Anil Gupta.

Program was Organized under Supervision of BJP Mandal President Gagan Bhatia. Gupta said that all these plants are fruit bearing, Medical Plants and these plants were given to everyone for free so that people can plant these saplings in their



BJP Leader Sahil Gupta and others during the event.

homes, in their lands and on the banks of the river canals so that the environment can be clean, and pure, around 100 fruits bearing plants were distributed among the people. SHO Bishnah Abid Bukhari, DDC Member praised the work of Sahil Gupta, they said

that there is no more sacred work than keeping our environment clean, they inspired Sahil Gupta to work in the same way in future also. Gupta along with Rakesh Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Ratan Lal, Sandeep Kumar, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar and other members were present.

DB expresses displeasure in strong terms with regard to absence of State counsels

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Puneet Gupta express displeasure with regard to absence of State counsels and warns for imposing costs.

This order has been passed while hearing a petition, DB after hearing Advs Manik Bhardwaj and Rajneesh Raina for the petitioner whereas AAG Amit Gupta did not control the vehicle and caused accident.

Vehicle fell into deep gorge near about 150 feet, some passengers died on spot and some passengers got grievously injured who are taken to Ramnagar hospital. Sub-Judge Ramnagar Raj Kumar Lalhal after hearing APP Yuvraj Singh for the UT whereas Adv SK Gupta for the accused persons observed that in the light of evidence on record and after hearing to both sides I

mode.

DB expressed its displeasure in strong terms with regard to the absence of State counsels when the matters are called out. One of us (Atul Sreedharan-J) has been expressing this problem for over a year. But despite persistently communicating the problem to Advocate General's office, no action has been taken, DB said.

DB further observed that the anomaly that exists here is that counsels are assigned departments rather than specific Courts where every counsel on behalf of the State is expected to handle every case before that Court rather than of specific departments. The problem caused by the

existing system is that when the matters are called out, the Court is informed that the counsel on behalf of the Union Territory is on his feet before another Court representing the same department.

DB further said that this is no longer acceptable to the Court. DB ordered Henceforth, counsels must be assigned to Courts and they should be in a position to handle every file and every case representing the interest of Union Territory before that Court. However, the Court does take note of the fact that certain cases requiring expertise of specific counsels may be assigned to such counsels. But for such excep-

tional cases, the counsel assigned to a particular /Court is expected to handle all cases before that Court.

DB ordered that from tomorrow onwards, if the counsels for the Union Territory Government is not present before this Court and reason for their absence is on account of his appearance before another Court on the ground of appearing for a particular department, this Court shall be at liberty to impose a cost on the State of Rs. 5,000/- or more at the very first instance. This order is being passed out of sheer exasperation that this Court has experienced for more than a year, where repeatedly when matters are

called out and the Court is ready to hear and decide the matter, the same cannot culminate in any effective hearing on account of the absence of the counsel for the Union Territory Government and the matter is passed over in the first round and thereafter when the counsel is available to argue the matter, the Court may be in the midst of hearing another case and therefore, the case gets adjourned on account of the non-availability of the counsel for the State/UT.

DB directed that acopy of this order be sent to the Law Secretary, Union Territory of J&K under the signature of the Registrar Judicial of this Court.

Court awards 3 years imprisonment to Matador driver for rashly & negligently diving causing death of 16

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sub-Judge Ramnagar Raj Kumar Lalhal awarded 3 years imprisonment to Ravi Shanker, son of Gulaboo Ram, resident of Village Kirmoo Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur a matador driver for negligently driving the matador which caused 16 innocent persons lost their lives and 17 other persons injured.

While awarding sentence, Sub-Judge Ramnagar Raj Kumar Lalhal observed that Before writing Judgment I would like to quote some famous quotations in dispensation of

criminal justice system as under. The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is a duty of a living to do so for them. Lois McMaster Bujold and Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Martin Luther King, JR

The prosecution case in a narrow compass is that on October 20, 2015 police station Ramnagar received information from reliable sources that a matador bearing registration no. JK14C-8068 being driven by unknown driver from Ghordi towards Ramnagar carrying passengers. Driver was driving the

vehicle rashly, negligently and recklessly and at 8 AM when reached at Kanah nearby Mata Kali Temple did not control the vehicle and caused accident. Vehicle fell into deep gorge near about 150 feet, some passengers died on spot and some passengers got grievously injured who are taken to Ramnagar hospital.

Sub-Judge Ramnagar Raj Kumar Lalhal after hearing APP Yuvraj Singh for the UT whereas Adv SK Gupta for the accused persons observed that in the light of evidence on record and after hearing to both sides I

am of the considered opinion that prosecution has proved that on fateful day i.e. October 20, 2015 the offending vehicle bearing registration no. JK14C-8068 was being driven by the accused rashly, negligently and dangerously ultimately which caused accident which was also overloaded against sitting capacity as a result of which 16 persons died and 17 persons got injured beyond reasonable doubt.

The accused is identified by all the star witnesses. As such concluded that prosecution has successfully proved the guilt of the

accused for the charges leveled against him punishable u/s u/s 279/337/338/304-A RPC, 66/192, 24/25/184 M. V Act beyond reasonable doubt.

This challan is accepted and accused is convicted for the commission of an offence punishable u/s 279/337/338/304-A RPC, 66/192, 24/25/184 M. V Act. 92 and observed that the accused for the charges leveled against him punishable u/s 279/337/338/304-A RPC, 66/192, 24/25/184 M.V Act accused is convicted for the above said offences and awarded 3 years imprisonment.

Court warns to file reply otherwise Court be left with no option but to attach the salary head of department of forest, Government

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an execution petition, decree-holders seek execution of judgement and decree dated December 18, 2017 by virtue of which a decree for an amount of Rs. 5,00,000 along with interest @ 7.5% w.e.f filing of suit till realization of amount was passed in favour of decree-holders and against judgement debtors, including Wild Life Warden - Kishtwar.

Additional District Judge Doda Amarjeet Singh Langleh observed that the fact that decree passed in year 2017 remains unsatisfied till date only depicts a sad reflection on the part of judgement debtor and Forest Department of Govt. of U.T of Jammu and Kashmir, more particularly when judgment and decree under execution has remained un-assailed till date. The indifference on the part of Commissioner Secretary to Government, Forest Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir; Chief Wild Life Warden - J&K -Jammu, Regional Wild Life

Warden- Jammu and Wild Life Warden- Kishtwar; all defendants in original suit - is visibly inconsistent with the obligation that is enjoined upon them by virtue of aforesaid judgement. "We don't care" - kind of attitude of judgement debtors has only led to exhaustion of decree holders who are toiling to realize the fruit of decree for last nearly seven years. This is unacceptable in a system governed by rule of law. Court issued showcause notices be issued to aforesaid officials and judgement debtor as to why the details of vehicles sought to be attached by decree-holders -be not directed to be attached and appropriate orders for auction thereafter be not issued. Should the reply of aforesaid officials is not received by next date of hearing, this Court be left with no option but to attach the salary head of department of forest, Government of U.T of Jammu and Kashmir also in addition to other coercive measures permissible under law.

DB upholds detention in alleged Narco Smuggler

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Rajnesh Oswal dismissed the petition filed by Anil Singh who was detained under PITNDPS.

While dismissing the petition and upholding detention, DB after hearing Adv GS Thakur for the appellant whereas AAG Amit Gupta for the UT, observed that Merely mentioning of wrong statute in the order for executing the order of detention passed by the Detaining Authority would not vitiate the order of detention passed by the Detaining Authority, which is otherwise found to be in accordance with law. DB examined the judgment passed by the writ court and do not find any reason so as to warrant interference at our end. The Single Judge has considered and dealt with all the contentions raised by the appellant in accordance with law, DB said and dismissed the appeal as there is not merit in the appeal.

Revenue Department organises plantation drive at Devika Ghat



Revenue officials along with children and others during the drive.

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: To mark the celebration of Van Mahotsav, the Revenue Department organized a plantation drive at Devika Ghat.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai, who was the chief guest, also took part in the plantation drive. The event saw the active par-

ticipation of Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia and other officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner lauded the efforts of the Revenue Department in organizing the event and involving various stakeholders. She appealed to the local commu-

nity, members of civil society, NGOs, and other stakeholders to come forward and participate in such plantation drives.

She emphasized that, given the adverse effects of climate change and the resulting weather-related disasters, planting more trees is crucial to protect humanity.

SKUAST-Jammu organises Workshop on 'Management of Post-Partum LLP Reproductive Disorders in Farm Animals'

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JAMMU: Under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), the Division of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R S Pura, successfully organized a one-day workshop on "Updates on Management of Post-Partum Reproductive Disorders in Farm Animals."

The workshop was conducted under the NAHEP-IDP project and saw active participation from 60 undergraduate and post-graduate veterinary students.



Dr. Ashwani Kumar Singh, Professor at GAD-VASU, Ludhiana delivered an expert lecture on the diagnostic use of ultrasonography (USG) in post-partum reproductive problems. His session provided valuable insights into advanced diagnostic techniques and their practical applications in veterinary practice. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Utsav Sharma, Head of the Division of Veterinary

Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Additional expert lectures were delivered by Dr. Sanjay Agarwal and Dr. Sudhir Kumar, who shared their knowledge and expertise on topics relevant to the management of postpartum reproductive disorders.

A hands-on practice session on the application of implants for the treatment of anestrus in dairy animals was conducted by Dr. A. K. Pandey, Professor and Co-coordinator of the programme. This practical training provided students with essential skills and techniques that are critical for addressing reproductive issues in farm animals. During the valedictory ses-

sion, Prof. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-J, emphasized the importance of updating students' knowledge through such training programs. He highlighted the role of continuous education in enhancing the competence of future veterinarians. Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, underscored the significance of minimizing reproductive problems to maintain production efficiency. The workshop was also attended by various heads of departments and faculty members of the veterinary faculty, who contributed to the success of the event.

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Week long celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas commences at GDC R S Pura inaugurates

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R S PURA: On eve of week-long celebration of Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024, the NCC cadets of inaugurated series of events under the guidance of worthy Principal, Prof.(Dr.) Preetpal Kour and coordinated under ANO Boys Dr. Rakesh Choudhary and Girls Dr. Roopali Slathia of the college. The series of events started with the screening of Indo-Pak Kargil Vijay Diwas Documentary in the

college to observe India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War in which the Pakistani forces were ousted from the occupied mountain peaks of northern Kargil Distt. in Ladakh in 1999. This programme was organised under the banner of IQAC of the college. The college also organised "Unity Run" to commemorate the Vijay Diwas on account of fallen heroes of the land. In this Unity-Run, 50 cadets (both Boys & Girls) par-

ticipated along with faulty members. The Unity-Run was flagged off by Principal, Prof.(Dr.) Preetpal Kour and motivated the cadets to join arm forces and e contribute towards the Nation. The other faculty members who were present Dr. Savtanter Kour, Dr. Kiran Pathania, Prof. Jugal Kishore, Prof. Shelly Kalsi, Prof. Neelam Kumar, Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Dr. Rakesh Kalotra etc.

Power shutdown

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jogpur, 17 Miles, Swankha Morh, Najwal, Industrial area and its adjoining areas will remain affected on July 28 from 5 am to 9 am.