

Slathia emphasises role of youth in achieving goal of Viksit Bharat

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SAMBHA: Former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia highlighted the pivotal role of youth in nation building, saying the road towards Viksit Bharat lies in the hands of India's young and rich Human Resource. Addressing BJP Morecha Yuva Sammelan here this afternoon, Slathia exhorted the youth to play a proactive role in the development, progress and civilisational resurgence in the country. "Future of our beloved nation lies in the hands of young people , whose energy, talent, creativity, and commitment are vital for achieving our collective aspirations", Slathia said and referred to the mark being left by Indian youth across the country and around the world in every sector. The dependence of the countries across the continents over Indian Human Resource is



Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Samba.

making every compatriot proud, he added. Slathia referred to the path breaking initiatives taken by the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the past over a decade in opening vistas of opportunities for the youth, saying skill development and Startup are the two crucial measures that have changed the entire scenario and made a real difference in growth and employability. In the fast evolving world, skill enhance-

ment is proving a game changer, he said while exhorting the youth to benefit from the mega startup scheme and shape their career with a sense of confidence. He said the BJP is committed to youth empowerment and referred to strides made for generating employment in the past over ten year in both government and private sectors. He urged the young Karykarts of the Yuva Morecha to intensify their public outreach campaign and make the youth aware

about the initiatives like Skill India, Startup India, Digital India], which are designed to support and uplift the young minds across the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular. He exuded confidence that given the dedication and determination of youth, all challenges facing the nation can be met with fortitude. Slathia also urged the youth to strengthen further the hands of the Prime Minister to take the nation to

new heights of progress besides defeating the machinations of inimical elements who were weakening the foundations of the motherland in sheer frustration and for grabbing the power. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Kashmiria Singh President BJP Samba, Ankush Jamwal President Youth BJP Samba, Vikram Choudhary State Secretary, Munish Khajuria State Secretary, Jangwir Singh Star executive member, Sanjeev Kumar Co Convenor Samba, Narayan Singh Parbhari Samba, Vijay Singh Vice President BJP Samba, Mohan Lal Sharma Vice President BJP Samba, Hitesh Sambyal, Shivkaran Singh, Dilbar Singh, Rajeshwar Singh, Utkansh Slathia Mandal Youth Presidents Assembly Constituency Samba, Gorav Sharma General Secretary Youth Samba and others.

Awareness programs conducted under 2nd SSR-2024 in Ramban

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RAMBAN: In an effort to promote electoral participation among the youth, a series of awareness programs were held at Government Higher Secondary Schools in Dhandrath, Gandhri, Rajgarh and the Disha Paramedical Institution. These initiatives were part of the 2nd Summer Special Revision of Electoral Rolls for 2024. On the directives of the District Election Officer (DEO) Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary and under the supervision of Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) Ramban, Rahul Gupta, the programs aimed to educate new and young eligible voters about the ongoing voter registration process. The goal was to guide them in enrolling themselves in the electoral list to exercise their right to franchise, thereby strengthening the democratic system. The events featured informative sessions where students were briefed on the procedures for enrolling in the electoral rolls, the significance of voting, and the impact of their votes on governance. Enthusiastic participation was observed from students, highlighting their keen interest in understanding their civic responsibilities.

In Dhandrath, a special session was conducted by the Electoral Literacy Club, emphasizing the role of youth in elections and the steps involved in voter registration. The sessions in Gandhri and Rajgarh schools included interactive discussions and Q&A sessions, allowing students to clarify their doubts about the electoral process. At the Disha Paramedical Institution, the focus was on reaching out to young medical students, who were encouraged to actively participate in the upcoming elections and contribute to the electoral process by enrolling themselves and spreading awareness among their peers. These initiatives are part of a broader strategy to ensure 100% registration of all eligible voters in photo voter lists under Second SSR, 2024 in the district.

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Congress RGPRS Chairman Rissam visits Tanda village, listens to public grievances

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R S PURA: In an ongoing outreach programme of RGPRS Chairman, J&K RGPRS Sandeep Singh Rissam visited village Tanda of RS Pura. During his visit, Sandeep listened to the grievance of the people and also discussed various issues pertaining to the development of the area. The residents apprised Rissam about the issues and problems being faced by the people in absence of an elected government and panchayat representatives also due which



the problems are not being heard by the administration. Sandeep assured solution to the genuine problems of the residents. He said that no ward should be deprived of basic amenities and surplus funds for the development works across the area should be provided for which he will

take up matter with the concerned authorities for early redressal. "Many public outreach programme are in pipeline for J&K under which RGPRS office bearers are visiting villages and listening to problems of people and do the needful to raise the issues with concerned departments to mitigate the problems of the people of the constituency", said Rissam. Rissam was also accompanied by Rahul Tandon General Secretary, J&K Pradesh youth congress.

Training Session for Nodal Officers on handling JK Samadhan Portal held

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DODA: A comprehensive training session for all nodal officers regarding the newly launched JK Samadhan portal was conducted today in the conference hall of the DC Office Complex Doda. The ADC Doda, Sudershan Kumar, chaired the training session of nodal officers. The DIO Informatics Centre at the DC Office Complex, Doda, presented a detailed overview of the session aimed at equipping the officers with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively manage and utilize the portal. During the session, officers were briefed on the functionalities and features

of the JK Samadhan portal. The training included detailed discussions on the portal's user interface, navigation, and the various modules available for complaint registration, tracking, and resolution. Emphasis was placed on the importance of timely and efficient handling of public grievances to improve transparency and accountability within the administration. Key directions were provided to the nodal officers including the need for regular monitoring of the portal to ensure all complaints are addressed promptly. Officers were also instructed to familiarize themselves with the reporting and analytics tools available

on the portal to generate insights into common issues and improve service delivery. Additionally, discussions were held on the importance of maintaining accurate and up-to-date records to enhance the overall effectiveness of the grievance redressal system. The training session concluded with a Q&A segment, where nodal officers had the opportunity to clarify any doubts and share their feedback on the portal. The training session was also attended by the ASP Doda, Shaked Ul Rehman; DIO Informatics Centre, Rohit Saini; Nodal Officers and representatives of concerned departments.

Officials conduct inspection at Main Bus Stand Poonch, identify multiple issues

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POONCH: In a concerted effort to address the ongoing issues at the Main Bus Stand Poonch, on the direction of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Poonch, a team of MVD Department led by ARTO Poonch Tara Mani and MVD Inspector Imran Choudhary conducted a thorough inspection of the area. The primary focus of the inspection was to identify and address the problem of abandoned vehicles. However, during the inspection, the officials found only two such vehicles. This discovery highlighted that while abandoned vehicles were not a significant problem, other pressing issues demanded immediate attention. Among the most critical problems identified were the lack of dedicated stands for



Admin officials during inspection at Poonch Bus stand.

Sumo taxis and magic tempos, which creates significant confusion and congestion. Furthermore, the inspection revealed that the Municipal Committee had not allocated a specific area for waste management, exacerbating sanitation concerns. Another major issue was the inadequate parking space for private vehicles. The bus stand

area was cluttered with private vehicles parked haphazardly, causing severe traffic disruptions and chaos. The officials emphasized the need for a comprehensive plan to establish proper parking arrangements and dedicated stands to streamline the traffic flow and improve overall management at the bus stand.

ICAR-ATARI Zone-1 releases KVK Reasi publication on Natural Farming



Officials releasing publication.

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REASI: Publication on "Natural Farming-A Vision Towards a Healthy Society" of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) was released by the dignitaries during the Awareness-cum-Review Workshop "Out-scaling of Natural Farming through KVKs"organised recently by the ICAR-ATARI (Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute), Ludhiana,Zone-1 at Srinagar, SKUAST-K. KVK,Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. The event was enthusiastically

attended by the agricultural scientists from the states/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Dr.Udham Singh Gautam, Deputy Director General (DDG), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR),New Delhi was the Chief Guest. He reviewed the overall functioning of Natural Farming project and encouraged scientists for their efforts on empowering the farmers through this project.Overview of the workshop was presented by the Director, ICAR-ATARI (Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute), Ludhiana, Dr.Parvender Sheoron and modalities and provision for implementing natural farming project under mission mode was presented by the

Nodal Officer,Natural Farming,Dr.Rajesh Kumar Rana. Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J), Dr. Banarsi Lal presented the Annual Progress Reports 2023-24 and Action Plan (2024-25) of KVK, Reasi for the Natural Farming project. He elaborated the activities of Natural Farming project performed by KVK, Reasi for the welfare of the farmers of Reasi distt.He also briefed about the impact of various activities at the farmers' field. He also highlighted the successful cases of natural farming in the distt.He also emphasized on the impact assessment of agricultural extension activities by the KVK and said that cluster based approach adopted by KVK, Reasi are having direct impact on the adjoining villages for the adoption of natural farming technologies.The dignitaries and scientists from different universities congratulated KVK,Reasi for releasing the publication during the event and encouraged for the efforts on serving the farming community.

CRIME REPORT Drug peddler arrested, Contraband substance recovered

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BUDGAM: To eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police in Budgam have arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A police party of PP Soibugh at a checkpoint established near PP Soibugh intercepted a vehicle (Piaggio Auto) bearing registration number JK01AL-4083 driven by Hilal Ahmad Daggas son of Mohd Ramzan Daggas resident of Mahjoor Nagar Rose Line Colony Rambagh Sgr A/P Kenilhama Nowgam Srinagar. During search, 14 Kgs of Poppy Straw were recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 309/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Budgam and further investigation has been initiated.

Theft case worked out; accused arrested, stolen items recovered

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SAMBHA: Police has worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Samba, arrested accused person and recovered stolen items from his possession. A written complaint was lodged at Police Station Samba by one Ajay Sethi son of Chajju Ram Sethi, resident of Samba regarding theft of ceiling fan, electrical wires and other items fromkuldev temple at Katli, Samba. Acting on the complaint, a case FIR No. 189/2024 U/S 305 BNS got registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started. During the course of investigation, Police has rounded up several suspects and were put on sustained questioning. A team of PS Samba headed by SHO PS Samba finally succeeded in arresting the accused person namely Sohan Lal, son of Sardari Lal, resident of Karandi Samba who upon questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. Further on his disclosure, stolen items were recovered from his possession.

57 vehicles seized for illegal mining, substantial penalty of Rs.9.08 lakh recovered

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SHOPLAN: In a bid to combat the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals across the district, the Mining Department authorities Shopian have intensified their efforts and seized a number of vehicles involved in illegal operation and imposed a penalty on the guilty. Under the vigilant oversight of the District Administration led by DM Shopian and support of Senior Superintendent of Police Shopian and the active involvement of Station House Officers and the field staff of the District Mineral Office, a series of raids were conducted across the district during the month of July. As a result of these coordinated operations, a total of 57 vehicles, including two JCBs, were seized, which were involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles have been handed over to the respective police stations, and a substantial penalty of Rs. 9,08,524 has been recovered from the violators. In addition to the vehicle seizures, three FIRs have been lodged against habitual offenders, emphasizing the administration's zero-tolerance policy towards illegal mining activities. The DMO Shopian has strongly advised people involved in illegal Mining activities to stop engaging in any form of illegal mining or transportation of minerals henceforth. Those found in violation will face stringent actions as per the MMRD Act of 1957 and SRO 105 of 2016, he added.

Miscreant involved in sacrilegious act booked under PSA

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KISHTWAR: District Police Kishtwar acted against a miscreant involved in a sacrilegious act. Sher Mohammad has been booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). SSP Kishtwar, Sh. Abdul Qayoom-JKPS, shared that the police received multiple complaints against the accused time to time.Upon receiving the information in time the police, under the supervision of Dy. SP Hqrs Kishtwar, promptly arrested the individual involved in this heinous crime. The accused, Sher Mohammad, S/O Habib Hajam, hails from Nagnigarh Keshwan and is currently residing in Lower Poehhal, Tehsil and District Kishtwar. During the course of the investigation, it was found that the accused was involved in various complaints of similar nature. Consequently, a dossier was sent to the DM Kishtwar and the person is booked under PSA. After obtaining the PSA orders, a special team was constituted by the SSP Kishtwar to arrest the accused, who has now been lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail, District Jammu. SSP Kishtwar issued a stern warning to all individuals involved in such sacrilegious acts and bovine smugglers to desist from their activities . He emphasized that anyone found involved in such acts would face the full force of the law.



District Police Kishtwar reaffirms its commitment to maintain communal harmony and ensuring the safety and security of all residents. Acts that threaten the peace and public order will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against those found guilty of such offenses. SSP Kishtwar appeal to all residents to remain calm and cooperate with Police authorities. Any information or suspicious activity should be reported to the nearest police station or 9906154100, 9103454100 to aid in upholding law and order.

Drug peddler arrested with heroin

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R S PURA: Continuing its actions against drug peddlers under Ops SANJEEVANI, on 25.7.24, a police party of Police Station RS Pura while on routine patrolling established naka at Mottey for checking/frisking. During naka checking/frisking police party found one pedestrian on way from R.S Pura towards Satowali.

On seeing police party, the said pedestrian turned back and tried to flee from the spot. On this police party of P/S R.S Pura successfully overpowered the pedestrian and detained him. On preliminary questioning the said person disclosed his name as Atul Choudhary S/o Narinder Pal @ Bulla R/o Puro Bhana Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu. During his personal search heroin (chitta) like substance recovered from his possession. In this regard a case FIR No. 154/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stand registered with this police station and investigation of the case started. It is pertinent to mention here that the said person is already involved in NDPS Act cases and her mother namely Tara Devi recently arrested in case FIR No.152/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act (presently in police custody) on 24.07.2024 and 02 cases of NDPS act already been registered against her. The father of accused Atul Choudhary namely Narinder Pal @Bulla was already involved in 4 cases and presently lodged at District Jail Kathua under stringent PIT NDPS Act. The whole family was involved in drug peddling and destroying the life of youth of the area by selling the drugs.

Burglary case solved, 2 arrested, stolen property worth Rs 1.50 lakh recovered

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JAMMU: A burglary case was solved with the arrest of two accused persons and stolen property worth Rs 1,50,000 was also recovered by Police Post Bathindi , Jammu. On June 12, 2024, a written complaint was received at Police Post Bathindi, Jammu from complainant namely Dr. Aniza Waseem W/O



Lt.Waseem Akbar Sofi R/O Chirag Colony Bathindi Jammu regarding theft of some valuable items viz. Precious Utensils of Copper, Silver and Water taps etc. . On this information, a case FIR No.157/2024 U/S 457/380 registered at Police station Bahu Fort and investigation entrusted to Lady Head Constable Rubina Bano IHC of PP Bathindi . On 25 June , 2024,during the course of investigation, a Police team headed by SHO PS Bahu Fort Jammu Insp Vijay Sharma assisted by IC PP Bathindi SI Shakil Ahmed and Lady I.O. Rubina Bano under the close supervision of SDPO City East Jammu and over all supervision of SP City South Jammu recovered all the stolen items upon the disclosure of accused persons namely Rohit Patel S/O Munna Lal R/O M.P. A/P Sector no.2 Channi Himmat Jammu and Noor Mohammad S/O Saleem Mohammad R/O Myanmar A/P Bathindi Morh Jammu worth rupees one lac and fifty thousand.