

## BJP has dwarfed Jammu: Harsh



Chairman JKNPP Harsh Dev Singh during public meeting in Jig.

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CHENANI: "Despite the tall promises made by the BJP to declare holding for 23rd September as a tribute to the legendary ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, the nationalist people were a demoralized lot even after seven years of saffron rule in the country. The loud mouthed, over weight leaders of BJP had given repeated assurances to the people during Parliament as well as Assembly Elections in 2014 and thereafter as well that the most coveted demand of holiday on the birthday of the legendary Dogra ruler would be conceded immediately after their ascendance to power. It was however shocking to note the U-turns taken by the BJP regime over the issue like various other election time promises made with people of Jammu region which too evaporated into the thin air after their climbing the ladder of power". This was stated by Harsh Dev Singh

Chairman JKNPP and former Minister while addressing public meetings in Jig, Chak Morh and Garsoli villages in Chenani constituency today.

Pointing towards the continued neglect and deprivation of Jammu region even post Art 370 abrogation, Singh regretted that the Dogra land continued to be divested of its due share in Jobs, development, funds allocation etc. and while Ladakh and Kashmir continued to receive the focused attention of the central Govt, the incarcerated land of Dogras has been made to content with whatsoever little falls in its kitty. The Ladakhis have been assured of benefits of sixth schedule, protection of Jobs and lands, smart cities for both Leh and Kargil, Central University costing Rs. 750 crore, Infrastructure Development Corporation besides talks with LAB and KDA in progress for statehood and

Art 371 like provision. The Kashmir region too has received unmitigated attention of the New Delhi rulers. If any region of the erstwhile state has suffered even after the re-organization process, it is Jammu region which continues to be taken for granted by the BJP.

Alleging the dis-regard of Jammu region even in the last Budget for 2021-22, Singh said that the major development and tourism related projects of Jammu region had once again been ignored. There was hardly any mention about the Artificial Tawi Lake project, Jumbo Zoo Project, development of border tourism and other of major tourist destinations in Sudh Mahadev, Man Talai, Patnitop-Sanasar, Dudu-Basantgarh, Bani and Lohai Malhar areas having tremendous potential. There was nothing for unemployed youth who were languishing on roads seeking gainful employment. The condition of rural areas in particular was pathetic with people clamouring day in and day out for better civic amenities with the govt having failed to respond to their genuine concerns. And whereas Jammu continued to contribute a major part of states tax revenue, it continued to be ignored in terms of development, funds allocation and employment, regretted Singh.

## DC Rajouri urges unemployed educated youth to avail benefits of self employment schemes



DDC Rajouri Rajesh K Shavan chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri Rajesh K Shavan on Wednesday convened a meeting of the concerned officers to review the employment generation status under various self employment generation schemes in the district

Among the others present were ADDC, Pawan Kumar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; ACP, Abdul Rashid; CAO, Shabana Azmin; PO IWMP, Parveen Akhtar; DSCO, Rashid Manhas; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; LDM, Jyoti Prakash Sharma; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed; REW, Noor Ali besides other concerned officers.

Detailed deliberations on functioning of SHGs, employment generation schemes and other activities for engaging the unemployed youth of the district under self employment activities was held in the meeting. During the meeting, the DDC said, "District Administration is working with a vision for engaging and empowering the youth of the district by creating sustainable livelihood avenues for them and persistent efforts

are being made in this connection".

The Government is focusing on creating a robust ecosystem for growth and empowerment of entrepreneurs besides paving a strong foundation to nurture the entrepreneurship abilities and skills of the youth", said the Deputy Commissioner.

The District Development Commissioner also called upon all the stakeholders to complement the Government's

## Progress under District Capex Budget reviewed in Poonch



DDC Poonch, Inder Jeet chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the District/Sectoral Officers to review the status of physical and financial progress achieved under different schemes and works under the annual CAPEX Budget 2021-22.

The meeting was attended by District Development Commissioner, Abdul Sattar; Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Madan Lal; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Rajesh Lakhani; CEO Tourism, Dr. Mohammad Tanveer Khan; Executive Engineers, CMO, CEO Municipality, CEO Education, AD Planning, M. A. Khan, officers of Agriculture,

Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry and other district officers. During the meeting, the District Development Commissioner reviewed scheme-wise expenditure status of overall developmental works of the district. The sectoral heads and officers of executing agencies informed the meeting about the status of works of their respective departments taken up during the year 2021-2022. The DDC impressed upon the officers to work with dedication towards achieving the set targets in a time bound manner. He directed all concerned officers to verify all construction works and submit a report and complete the procurement through GEM/authorised agency by September 30.

## ‘BJP touched new heights as common masses have belief in Modi’



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina and others during tour to Kathua district.

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KATHUA: Winding up the tour of five assembly constituencies of Kathua district with State President Ravinder Raina, Former MLAs Dr. Nirmal Singh, Rajeev Jasrotia, Kuldeep Kumar, Jeevan Lal and Chairman DDC Kathua Col (Retd) Mahan Singh today, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal Former Minister and General Secretary BJP J&K said that the belief in Modi and BJP in the common masses in these areas where the party had won all the 5 seats has touched new heights.

During their 4 days whirlwind tour of these constituencies by BJP leaders, especially Bani Billawar and Basohli the response of the people was thunderous. A

new era has begun in this far flung area with huge network of roads and bridges which the people were demanding for the last 50 years. The roads under various central and state schemes already stand completed and few are under progress. The locals said that this is the first time in their life that in such a short span of period (5-6 Years) they have seen huge development projects which were started and completed in a record time. The BRO road from Basohli to Bani is live example of this progress, they said.

Dr. Manyal said that there were only empty promises and fake slogans in the previous regimes and no development was seen in the last 70 years. At Bani, huge net-

work of 15 PMGSY roads in the area has provided almost 100% connectivity to the far flung areas. He said that Dr. Jitendra Singh Hon'ble MOS has taken up a project of a tunnel between Bani and Bhaderwah which will hopefully be sanctioned this year. The locals have put up a demand for a road between Billawar and Bani to be constructed by BRO which will provide a link between two assembly segments.

Demand for a new degree college for Macehedi was also put up by the youth which BJP President Ravinder Raina ji said will be taken up with the department. The gathering thanked the president and other leaders for their visit to this far flung area and said that this is the first time that a party president of any party has visited this area for 5-7 times in 3 years.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, Col. Mahan Singh and Distt President Jeevan Lal also addressed the workers.

All the DDCs, BDCs, MC Presidents were present in the meetings in all the assembly constituencies.

## NYK organises Fit India Freedom Run



DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag along with NYKs during the run.

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REASI: The 'Fit India Freedom Run' was held on Wednesday at DC Office Complex Reasi as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur J&K, under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Govt of India) under the supervision of Khushal Gupta District Youth Officer Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur.

The event was organized under by National Youth Volunteer Udhampur Block

Reasi Anjali Anand and other NYVs Meena Dogra and Anjali Sharma.

The run was flagged off by DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag while Mashesh Sharma AE (PWD) was presided over the function.

Those who present and participated in the Fit India Freedom Run were Shadab Khan Director AKM, Neeraj Kesar, Sohan Lal, Pawan Kumar and Rohit Kumar.

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah in collaboration with Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat (EBSB) club organised a poster making competition on the eve of International Literacy Day.

The NSS volunteers participated in the poster making contest on the theme International Literacy Day which aimed at making people more aware of Literacy and its importance in acquiring skills required for performing various tasks. The NSS volunteers displayed various posters reflecting the theme in a unique way which was very much appreciated by Prof. Rajshree Dhar; Principal, GDC Jindrah. She congratulated the winners and students for their active participation.

The whole competition was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah. Prof. Poonam Rainu, Prof. Jasmeet and Dr. Seema acted as jury members for the event. Himani of sixth semester stood first in the competition. The second position was grabbed by Reena Devi and Supriya placed at third position. These girls also hailed from the sixth semester. Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team of GDC, Jindrah recorded and compiled the whole event.



Students making posters during the contest.

The Principal and staff cheers the winners and applauded their efforts on the day.

## Block Divas: Public outreach programmes organised at 3 blocks of Samba District

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SAMBA: The weekly block divas to address the public grievances was today held at Rakhambtali, Purmandal, and Ghagwal by Additional Deputy Commissioner Suram Chand Sharma, ACR Rajeev Magotra and SDM Ghagwal Ramkesh respectively to get first-

hand account of the public grievance.

The public delegations from different Panchayats and individuals apprised the Nodal officers about their problems. They demanded provision of piped drinking water, maintenance & construction of new rural roads, coverage of left out

families under BPL/APL ration, increasing the ambit of social security schemes, upgrading the infrastructure of trauma hospital, regular supply of household power supply. The delegations also include BDC Chairpersons Ghagwal block, Purmandal block and Samba block.

The Nodal Officers, while taking cognizance of the public grievances, directed the concerned officers to immediately resolve the issues through inter departmental coordination, besides the other issues were also assured to be resolved at appropriate level.

## KVK Poonch starts 15 days certificate course on INM

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POONCH: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch working under the auspices of Directorate of Extension, S h e r - e - K a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Wednesday started 15 days certificate course on "Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for Input Dealers". The programme was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J Dr. J. P. Sharma through online mode.

Speaking on the occasion, Sharma said that the dealers/retailers are an important link between company and farmers and key change agents in motivating the farmers to use fertilizers in a balanced manner.

The fertilizers and manures are important for crop growth and development and help to pay good dividends to farmers in return.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Extension, Dr. S. K. Gupta said that for healthy and bulk crop

the role of nutrients is quite essential and the bulk of major nutrients are supplied through the fertilizers.

Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK Poonch, Dr. Ajay welcomed the participants and discussed the role of nutrients and manures in plat nutrition.

He highlighted the role of such training programmes so that the dealers in addition to running their businesses may actually help the farmers to use the particular fertilizers based upon the crop and crop

requirement. Dr. Muzaffar Mir also interacted with participants and discussed the importance of integrated nutrient management in view of modernized farming in relation to fruit crops. Dr. Mushtaq Guroo presented a detailed schedule of course that shall be carried out during 15 days period. On the occasion, Subject Matter Specialist, Sh. Des Raj Barua from Agriculture Department was also present. Sh. Mohd. Qasim KVK Poonch presented vote of thanks at the end of programme.

## Ahead of Mehbooba's visit, PDP holds youth-cum-workers meet



PDP Media Coordinator Ch. Parvez Waffa chairing workers meet at Nowshera.

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NOWSHERA: Ahead of the PDP President Mehbooba Mufti scheduled visit to Rajouri and Poonch from 14th to 18th September, the People's Democratic Party on Wednesday organised a youth-cum-workers meet in Nowshera under the chairmanship of Media Coordinator Ch. Parvez Waffa.

The meeting was organised by DDC Nowshera, Dr. Manohar Singh, State Secretary PDP and was addressed by many leaders including Ch. Parvez Waffa, Dr. Manohar Singh and Varinder Singh Sonu.

On the occasion, the party leaders while listening to the grievances of the people of far-flung areas of Nowshera, it was observed that the people of the area are suffering from the lack of basic facilities in the area especially due to shortage of drinking water, electricity and road connectivity people have to suffer a lot.

While addressing the gathering, Ch. Parvez Waffa said that the unemployment rate in the region has increased and due to unemployment in the area the youths of the Pir Panchal are suffering from mental trauma and drug abuse has increased

in the area but unfortunately government is not serious about the people of this down trodden area.

He further said that the hollow slogans of the BJP leaders of development are visible on ground as the people are suffering due to lack of basic facilities the health institutions in the area have collapsed and administration have failed to help the poor people living in far-flung areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts.

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Singh in his address said that I am very thankful to the leadership of PDP who have reached to people of the area and party president have given the consent to visit Rajouri Poonch.

Asserting the party workers to reach out to the masses at the grassroots level, he said that Peoples Democratic Party has proved itself both in power and outside as the only representative of public aspirations. "Our aim and objective has never been to achieve power but instead of servicing to the best interest of masses. Even today despite all odds the party has stood firm on its principles and objectives", he said.

The other party leaders who were present there District vice president Ashok Kumar Choudhary, Zonal President Babu Ram, Iqbal Singh and Rajat Randhawa.

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