

J&K on path of reconstruction, political empowerment under Modi: Slathia

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VIJAYPUR : Former minister and BJP Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday said that Jammu and Kashmir has steered out of the darkest phase of disparity, discrimination and hopelessness to a new era of change under the visionary, progressive and forward looking leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The spirit of change is visible on ground and the Naya J&K being built with the guarantee of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Paryas, Sabka Vishwas has taken over the self-centric and specific agenda of 'Kuch Ka Vikas' by the exploitative and divisive politicians over the years" Mr Slathia said while addressing a public meeting at Gurah Gurgi, Pacenchayat Meen Charka Bari Brahmma



BJP Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh addressing a public gathering at Vijaypur.

in Vijaypur Assembly Constituency.

He said due to various path breaking initiatives taken by the Prime Minister, Jammu and Kashmir is scaling the ladder of holistic development with the people, irrespective of region, religion or caste, feeling a sense of belongingness and political empowerment. The governance being people centric, the phase of appeasement of

some and discrimination of many is nightmarish chapter of the past. As the delivery system has improved significantly, everyone is benefiting from the government schemes without any bias, he added. Lauding Narendra Modi as a statesman par excellence, who remains engrossed with nation building efforts even on festivals and his birthday, Slathia said that the Prime Minister's

vision about Naya Jammu and Kashmir is taking shape vigorously and the measures post August 2019 has paved way for development and undoing the decades of neglect. The deprived people are now getting benefitted by the central legislations, which are hugely beneficial for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Valmiki Samaj besides the various other segments of the weaker sections.

Slathia also referred to the major initiatives taken during the recent years in respect of development and implementation of various welfare schemes. Massive investments are bound to give a new dimension to growth and productivity and boon to employment generation. The Centre has flagged employment as priority and therefore the infrastructural growth will open up vistas for

professionals besides skilled and unskilled workforce. He said the tourism sector is equally getting impetus in both the divisions and this will certainly give fillip to local economies.

Slathia exhorted the Karykarts to intensify their mass contact programme to inspire the people of Jammu and Kashmir for becoming part of the country's growth story.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Vice President BJP Samba Pawan Bakshi ; Vijay Singh Chairman BDC Vijaypur; Jogeshwar Singh Sarpanch; Angrez Singh; Balwant Singh Madhu Charak, Naib Sarpanch; Zahid Malik Bhagwan; Singh Raman Gupta, Ex Chairman MC Bari Brahmana Mohinder Gupta and others.

Doda Admn gears-up to frame District plan to promote Agro start-ups

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DODA: In compliance to the instructions of Lieutenant Governor, J&K, District Administration Doda is gearing up to fame a comprehensive plan to promote Agro industry in the district. In this regard, District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Sunday chaired a meeting and discussed the contours of the District Agro Plan with the stakeholder departments. The DDC laid emphasis on the engagement of Young Entrepreneurs including females for establishing start ups in Agriculture and allied sectors. He directed them to find out new market linkages, clusters and recognize other important parameters to increase the Agro industrial activities in the district. "The move will not only give direct benefits to the farmers but also create job avenues in the enterprises, production and processing units in poultry,



DDC Vishesh Paul Mahajan chairing a meeting.

horticulture, Animal and Sheep husbandry sectors" he said. The DDC said "The aim of this policy paper of Agro sector is to enhance the agro activities in the district by new technological interventions, skill enhancement and guidance." The DDC asked the participants to identify clusters of organic farming for the certification of local produce and its projection on the platforms with potentially good market chains. He further directed to identify progressive young farmers and aware them about the new means and technologies being applied in the agriculture and other allied sectors to increase production.

Further, the DDC Doda directed the concerned departments to share the details of SHGs operational in the district so that they shall also be taken on board under the district Agro plan. The departments were further asked to adopt a convergence approach while framing the District plan to effectively meet the aspirations of the farmers. Among others present in the meeting were CPO Doda, CHO Doda, Area Marketing Officer Doda, CAO Doda, CAHO Doda, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, besides the representative of NRLM and and resource person of District Skill Committee were also present.

Development in rural areas will usher new era in India: Col Mahan

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BASOHLI: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Basohli and DDC Chairman Kathua said that ongoing development of rural infrastructure under Modi government will usher new era in India.

He said this during inauguration of two lanes at Kudera and Tolla with an estimated cost of Rs 6 lakh and Rs 9 lakh respectively in Plahi Panchayat near Basohli, amid jubilation and distribution of sweets by residents of these villages.

The DDC Chairman was accorded warm welcome by residents gathered at the occasion and they thanked Col Mahan for undertaking work of these dilapidated lanes, which they had been demanding for years.

Speaking to the residents, the DDC Chairman asserted that Modi led BJP Government at the Centre and U.T Administration in Jammu and Kashmir is committed for the welfare and well-being of rural areas. He reiterated the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government's commitment for the overall development and upliftment of far flung and rural areas. He highlighted the achievements of the Union Govt he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken utmost care of the common people especially those living in far flung areas.

Col Mahan Singh said that the success of BJP Government led by the PM Modi can be well gauged from the unprecedented achievements

made by the nation during the eight years' rule. He said that India today is a force to reckon with at the international level for which credit goes to PM Modi and the people of this nation who have reposed trust and faith in him.

Col Mahan directed the Rural Development officials and contractors present on the occasion to ensure quality work within scheduled time frame. He congratulated the villagers for improvement in their living conditions.

DDC Chairperson Basohli Smt Sushma Jamwal, Bholi Devi Sarpanch Plahi, Naresh Singh Naib Sarpanch, Jagdev Singh ex Sarpanch, Hans Raj, Kuldeep Kamwal and others were present on the occasion.

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BILLAWAR: Dohaareen Kala Manch celebrated Hindi Diwas by organizing Multilingual

Kavi Sammelan and folk music program in the head office of Dohaareen Kala Manch, village Dewal, Billawar, Kathua District.

Dr. Rajni Kumari, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Hindi, GDC Billawar presided while Dr. Arvinder Singh Ann Additional secretary, Jammu and Kashmir academy of art, culture and languages was the Chief Guest. Shuvam Mankotia, President, Dohaareen Kala Manch was also present in the presidium.

While delivering her presidential address, Dr. Rajni Kumari complimented the team of DKM for organising Hindi Diwas and also said that



Manch members and oragnisers during the event.

this is the maiden function of the newly established NGO here at Dewal of Billawar. She said that the young team of dedicated and committed members will definitely work for the development of the folk, heritage and literature of the region. She also congratulated DimpalVerma for achieving position in the recently declared results of PG Translation course Hindi-English from Central University of

Jammu.

While speaking on the occasion Dr. Arvinder Singh Ann said that the whole team of DKM, Billawar deserves great appreciation for their collective thinking and approach towards rich heritage and folk of the area. He futher said that Billawar region is known as the place of ancient and historical temples, beautiful hills having attractive scenic locations full of

Health Department Kotranka successfully implementing weekly School Health programme

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RAJOURI: Health Department Kotranka is successfully implementing the School Health Program where students are provided health services every Saturday in their classrooms under the supervision of Director Health Services Jammu Dr Saleem Ur Rahman and Dr Abdul Hamid Zarger CMO Rajouri. The program is being organised by Dr Iqbal Malik BMO Kandli. This Saturday, the health team visited Govt Middle School Bindi and provided healthcare services. The Health team provided services such as Medical checkup, Dental and Eye checkup, screening for health issues and treatment for their minor ailments on the spot. Besides distribution of iron & calcium tablets, Lab services including Blood Grouping, H1B testing, technique of hand washing and Awareness for the importance of menstrual hygiene , use of iodized salt, Mental Health, Anaemia Mukht Bharat etc. were also provided. Headmaster GMS Bindi Zakir Hussain said that few students today attended the school. The reason given by students and teachers was the rumours regarding child kidnappers. Because of the fear of parents not sending their wards to schools.

Kuldeep visits Gaddi Hostel Udh, takes stock of facilities

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UDHAMPUR: Youth President, All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi Sabha (YAJKGS) visited Gaddi hostel at Degree College for Boys Udhampur and took the stock of difficulties being faced by the students residing in the hostel.

Hostel inmates appraised the Youth President that four rooms of the hostel were occupied for COVID-19 arrangements to meet out the criticality and one room is occupied by the college authorities due to which students have been facing difficulties by



Youth President, YAJKGS during visit to Gaddi hostel at Degree College for Boys Udhampur.

residing 4-5 students in a single room and hampering their studies. However Kuldeep met with the college concern and discussed the matter with principal took on

spot action and handed over the one occupied room for students convenience.

He later on also met with the ADC Udhampur regarding the matter who

assured that they would soon unlock the rooms and would be available for the needy students.

The deputation is also joined by DDC latti Marothi Pinky Devi and DDC Narsoo Subash kumar.

For the immediate action for the sake of ongoing college students we are highly thankful to the addl.deputy commissioner and college principal. Others who present Swarn Singh. Ajay Brahamnu, Arun , Arjun, Ajay, Jagdeep, Nitish, Ajay , Ankush, Akash, Ajay, Manoj, Ajay, Arjun , Balwant.

JKTA demands transfer policy for ReTs, resolution of other issues

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UDHAMPUR: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Association (JKTA) held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President JKTA Bhupinder Singh.

The meeting was attended by the Zonal Presidents and executive members of District Udhampur. While speaking on the occasion Bhupinder Singh demanded the Inclusion of teachers appointed under ReT scheme in Transfer policy as they have been working in the same schools for last more than 21 years.

He said that though these teachers appointed under ReT scheme were transferred under different Government orders and on the orders of competent authority but the department in the month of July issued order of repatriation and forced these teachers to go to CAT for justice .

" Even the High court has upheld the transfer order in 2018 and CAT has also endorsed the same by saying that stagnation of teachers minimizes their talent but still they are not considered for transfer " he added.

He appealed the Principal Secretary School Education to intervene in the matter and frame a comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme and revoke the impugned order of repatriation for the welfare of thousands of teachers appointed under ReT scheme who have been working in far flung areas and raising the literacy rate by enhancing the enrollment

of students and minimizing the drop out rate . He also appealed the government to resolve the issue of inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits, release of transfer orders of Teachers and Masters under ATD 2022 and suitable adjustments of those who are suffering from chronic and life consuming diseases , allocation of funds to facilitate biometric attendance and to maintain day to day expenditure especially in primary and middle schools, filling up vacant posts of Masters, Headmasters, Lecturers and fourth class by DPC and teachers by new appointments, regularization of all in charge Lecturers, Headmasters, ZEOs, and other officers, rationalisation of teaching staff to overcome the uneven pupil teacher ratio, Restoration of old pension scheme in favour of NPS employees of the UT J&K. He also appealed the Director school education Jammu to regularise the left out ReTs and convert the regularised RRETs to teach-

ers Grade II/III so that they may get their salaries.

Meanwhile District Chairman JKTA Surjeet Singh Udhampur appealed Chief Education Officer Udhampur to intervene personally in the matter of Zone Ghordi where teachers including (KGBV)are harassed on one pretext or the other and their salaries withheld , other wise they will be forced to hold strong protest in front of ZEO office Ghordi and for this the concerned officers and officials of the zone would be responsible. Others who also spoke on the occasion were: Kuldeep Katoach, Mannohan Singh, Sanjeev Guleria, Nasib Chand, Surjeet Singh, Parbhat Singh,Charn Dass, Suresh verma, Jatinder , Randip Singh, Ravi kumar, Sachin Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Verrian Partap, Surinder Khajuria, Sunil Singh,Satpaul ,Pritam Chand, Surat Singh,Rashpaul, Pardeep Kumar,Veerian and others.

SSP Mohan Lal releases devotional song



SSP and Deputy Director SKPA Udhampur Mohan Lal Bhagat and others releasing song.

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AKHNOOR: SSP and Deputy Director SKPA Udhampur Mohan Lal Bhagat on Sunday released a devotional song album 'Aarti Maa Bawe Wali at World Largest Statue of Shani Dham Jourian Akhnoor on Sunday.

The devotional song was sung by Kashish Rajput, lyrics were written by Chaman Lal while the music was composed by Ashhk and NJ neeraj was Video Director of the devotional song.

Shani Dev Seva Smiti Jourian extended full support and contribution for making the devotional album. Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest Mohan Lal Bhagat SSP Deputy Director SKPA Udhampur wished that the devotional song in the album may spread message of peace and spirituality in the society. He also said that music plays a positive role in preserving culture.

"J&K is blessed with unique talent which needs to be harnessed," Mohan Lal maintained.

Devotional singer Ramesh Jogi and other artists besides the crew of album were also present on the occasion along with Professor Dr Rakesh Bharti, Dr Abhishek Gupta President Shani Dev Seva Smiti and others members were present.

KVK Reasi organises national campaign on Poshan Abhiyan & tree plantation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised National Campaign on Poshan Abhiyan and Tree Plantation here at KVK, Reasi campus in collaboration with IFFCO which was enthusiastically attended by a number of farmers of the area. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist &Head of KVK, Reasi. He spoke on women and children health and stressed on the balanced diet. He further said that balance diet includes the vitamins such as Vitamins D,B2,B6, B12 and minerals such iron, folic acid, iodine and calcium. He narrated that good health has an impact on development, productivity, economic growth and ultimately national development. He expressed that children require the special attention for their diet as malnutrition leads to irreversible damage including the brain and intellectual development. He emphasized on the body weight management among the adolescent girls and boys. He also spoke in length on Nutri gardens and Nutri Thali. He guided the farm women on proper layout of nutri garden and suggested then how to run it throughout the year.

Dr.Lalit Upadhyay, Scientist, KVK, Reasi warmly welcomed of the participants. He briefed the significance of the event and said that every year nutritional month is celebrated in September

month throughout the country. He educated the farm women on women and child health care and guided then on kitchen gardening. He stressed on more and more plantation for environmental protection.

Dr.Lobzang Stanzen, Scientist gave a detail view on balanced diet and emphasized on the intake of fresh organic fruits, vegetables, millets, cereals, pulses and milk for a good health. He said that there is urgent need to focus on the importance of nutrition for the good health of the children. He also spoke on the biofortified varieties of nutrition. Sarpanch of the area Sukhdev Singh that there is dire need to eliminate the menace of malnutrition and said that every individual should try to improve his or her nutrition level. He appreciated the KVK, Reasi for organizing such a useful programme in the rural areas. During the programme quality seeds of vegetables and plants were also distributed among the farmers. An exhibition depicting various technologies was also arranged for the participants. The participants asked the quarries regarding the nutri-gardens and balanced nutrition which were answered satisfactorily by the KVK scientists. During the programme Naib Sarpanch of the area, Kamal Singh, Panch Sh.Girdhari Lal and an awardee farmer, Shail Singh were also present.

The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr.Lobzang Stanzen with formal vote of thanks.

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