

# 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 Prayas, 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 Guri, Paenchayat Meen Charka Bari Brahma



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 Karykartas 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 Brahma Mohinder Gupta and others.

## 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 Phali 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.

## 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 Zanger CMO Rajouri. The program is being organised by Dr Iqbal Malik BMO Kandi. 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, HB testing, technique of hand washing and Awareness for the importance of menstrual hygiene, use of iodized salt, Mental Health, Anaemia Mukt 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.

## 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.

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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

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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

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## SSP Mohan Lal releases devotional song



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AKHNOOR: SSP and Deputy Director SKPA Udhampur Mohan Lal Bhagat on Sunday released a devotional song album 'Aarti Maa Bawali' 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 Ashok 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.

## 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 frame 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



DDC Vishesh Paul Mahajan chairing a meeting.

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, 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 NRIIM and resource person of District Skill Committee were also present.

## Dohaareen Kala Manch celebrates Hindi Diwas

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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

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 Dimpal Verma 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 further said that Billawar region is known as the place of ancient and historical temples, beautiful hills having attractive scenic locations full of

folk art forms.

Earlier, while welcoming the guests, Shuvam Mankotia, President DKM said that with the guidance and motivation of mentor and teacher Dr. Rajni Kumari, DKM Billawar came into existence and now we are organizing first ever function under the banner of DKM here in the head office and the executive members worked hard to celebrate Hindi Diwas 2022. He also appreciated the team of DKM Billawar for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for the development and documentation of art forms, heritage and literature of the area.

Dimpal Verma from Basohli was also honoured on the occasion of Hindi Diwas for securing highest marks in PG Translation course Hindi-English from Central University of Jammu. A multilingual Kavi Sammelan and folk music and dance program was also organized.

Dr. Rajni Kumari (Hindi), Dimpal Shunye

## 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 as iron, folic acid, iodine and calcium. He narrated that good health has an impact on development, productivity and ultimately national development.

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 queries regarding the nutri-gardens and balanced nutrition. He also spoke on the biofortified varieties of nutrition.

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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 them how to run it throughout the year. Dr. Lalit Upadhyay, Scientist, KVK, Reasi welcomed the participants. He briefed the significance of the event and said that every year nutritional month is celebrated in September. Dr. Lalit Upadhyay, Scientist, KVK, Reasi 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.