

BJP sensitive to issues of border dwellers, committed to resolve: Slathia

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VIJAYPUR: Asserting that the BJP has all along espoused the cause of the border dwellers and the refugees, who form first line of the country's defence, former minister and the Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday said the progress and prosperity of the marginalized segments is priority agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"BJP is sensitive to the problems being faced by the people living in the forward areas and every endeavour is being made to ensure their safety, security and wellbeing with an avowed objective of bringing them under the ambit of the overall developmental scenario as per the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas," Slathia said while interacting with the refugees at Vijaypur this afternoon.



Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia interacting with refugees at Vijaypur.

noon. He spelled out the measures taken by the BJP government with regard to one-time settlement of compensation for the West Pakistan refugees, grant of domicile and opening of opportunities in the field of education and other avocations besides establishment of the bunkers on a massive scale. These are some of the path breaking initiatives that have brought cheer in the lives of these segments of the society. Though much has been done, yet more is still to be carried out for ameliorating the lot of these people and the BJP is committed in this regard, he added. Responding to the peculiar problems being faced by the people in the border and hilly areas, he said though a multi-pronged strategy is already under the process and implementation in terms of developmental projects and provision of the utility services, the issues raised by the representatives would be taken up with the concerned agencies for immediate and earnest disposal. He said the Jammu and Kashmir administration has already put in motion

various schemes and programmes for the overall progress of all the areas, yet special impetus is being given on the development of the border, backward and hilly areas, Slathia said.

Various speakers, during the course of the interaction, raised various issues confronting the people and hoped that these will get priority attention.

Slathia assured that the BJP is committed to addressing the problems of all segments of the society and would seek for earnest measures to be taken by the administration in mitigating these in a time bound manner.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included DDC Member Sarabjeet Singh, Anita Choudhary, BDC Chairman Darshan Singh, Sarpanch Parveen Choudhary, Roop Lal, Balbir Kour, Kali Dass and others.

Excise Department holds anti-drug bike rally



Officials of Excise Deptt and others during the programme.

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POONCH: Excise Department in an awareness drive under Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan and on the directions of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under the supervision of Dy Excise Commissioner Executive Jammu Kusum

Sharma, Excise Sub Poonch (Excise Range Rajouri Poonch) on Sunday organised an awareness campaign and anti drug abuse bike rally was conducted. During rally around 100 bikers especially youth participated and pledged to stay away from menace of drugs. The guests

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JAMMU: The Jammu Kashmir unit of Bharat Tibet Sangh organised one day meet at Jammu and discussed the issues related with the people of Tibet due to oppressive policies of China. National General Secretary Sourabh Saraswat was the Chief Guest while Dinesh Jindal in-charge North India was Guest of Honour and Mahanat Anup Giri was special guest besides incharge J&K Dr Kuldeep Sharma and J&K President Vivek Singh.

While addressing the gathering Sourabh Saraswat said that J&K is the most

GDC Thannamndi organises poster-making & slogan writing competitions

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THANNAMNDI: Department of Education in collaboration with NSS unit of GDC Thannamndi under the aegis of IQAC organizes a poster making and slogan writing competition as a part of Gandhi Jayanti celebration. The theme of the event was Gandhi ji and Freedom Movement of India and Indian culture. Many NSS Volunteers from different semesters participated in the event. The programme was held under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed and organized by Prof. Muhammad Shoket NSS Programme Officer. The judges of the event were Dr. Nahim-Un-Nisa, Prof. Ajaz Nazir and Prof. Naveen Sharma. Out of all the participants Mehrun Sanam B.A semester 4th secured 1st rank where as Saiba Kousar of B.A semester 2nd and Saina Jabeen of B.Sc. Semester 2nd secured 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.

Most elevated village of Doda district to get all-weather road connectivity

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BHADARWAH: Known for growing exotic world famous red beans (Rajmash), organic vegetables and fruits, Kanser Panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhadarwah will soon become the highest village in Doda district to have all-weather road connectivity as authorities starts laying macadam on the 15 km Nagar-lanchan to Kanser road being constructed under PMGSY scheme. Situated at an elevation of 7780 ft above sea level, Kanser village is primarily inhabited by Gaddi and Sippi tribes who earn their livelihood by rearing sheep and growing organic vegetables, red beans (Rajmash) and high quality fruits like quins, apricots, walnut, Plum etc. Residents of the hill top village are beaming with joy as after 2 decade long wait, finally Kanser which is strategically located from where one can have bird's eye view of Bhaderwah town, beside iconic Ashapati Glacier and Kailash Kund will now be accessible in



DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat inaugurating road work.

all weather conditions via all-weather road connectivity after DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat kick started laying of Macadam on the 15 Km road stretch passing through steep and dense coniferous forest. "The road which has the potential of becoming the game changer of the 3500 tribal population is being constructed with a project cost of 9.40km and will be completed by October 10 subject to weather conditions," said Atta Mohd Sheikh, AEE PMGSY Kund will now be accessible in

DDC Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat said that the area is famous for its agricultural products especially Rajmash and due to unavailability of road connectivity, people were facing hardships while reaching out to markets, but now their dream is going to come true as they are not getting just road connectivity but also blacktopped all weather connectivity.

Locals also expressed their gratitude to Government, Administration and PMGSY authorities for taking care of their grievances regarding road connectivity.

GDC Bhadarwah hosts week-long activities to mark World Ozone Day-2022



Faculty along with students during the event.

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BHADARWAH: To mark International day for the preservation of Ozone Layer, the Department of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with Eco-Club and IQAC of Government Degree College Bhadarwah, organised a myriad of weeklong activities including Wall Painting Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Quiz Competition and lectures on the theme "Montreal Protocol @ 35: Global Cooperation to protect life on Earth" with an aim to highlight the importance of safeguarding the Earth's protective ozone layer and the need for collective action, guided by Science to solve major global challenges.

The Programme was conducted under the patronage of the College

Principal, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, and under overall supervision of Prof. Anuradha Sharma, Head Department of Environmental Sciences. Dr. Sandeep Kotwal (Assistant Professor in Botany) and Dr. Javid Manzoor (Lecturer in Environmental Sciences) played a pivotal role in the overall conduct of this programme. Prof. Surinder Singh Parihar (Convener, IQAC), while speaking on the occasion, congratulated the organising team for hosting such an innovative and enriching plethora of weeklong activities and also motivated the students to take part with great zeal and zest in such activities.

Prof. Prithvi Raj and Prof. Shahbaz Ahmed also extended their support in organising and coordinating the programme. The programme began with a wall painting competition on the theme "Climate Change and Ozone Layer Depletion" in which seven students participated and exhibited their talent by drawing and showcasing thematic paintings over the walls. Among the contestants, Nitten Charak of Sem VI stood first in the Wall Painting Competition.

A total of 8 students participated in the Essay Writing Competition on the topic "Ozone Layer; its depletion and Recovery" which was also a fruitful activity wherein students expressed their views on the topic. Niaz Ahmed Ganie of Sem I stood first in the Essay Writing Competition. A

quiz Competition was also organised in which four teams (Team A, B, C, D) were constituted and each team consisted of four students. Team B comprising Sahil Charak, Ayaz Rathore, Shubham Singh, Harish Kumar was declared as the winning team of the Quiz Competition.

At the conclusion of the week-long event, a lecture was delivered by Prof. Qasim Mir (Assistant professor in Geography) pertaining to the topic with an intention to impart current knowledge about the causes of the ozone layer, its depletion and recovery. Finally, the Trophies and Medals were distributed amongst winners as a token of encouragement. In the end, a formal vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Anuradha Sharma and Dr. Javid Manzoor.

KVK Reasi promotes organic horticultural crops cultivation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting the organic horticultural crops cultivation in Reasi distt. so as to produce the quality fresh organic horticultural crops and to enhance the income and employment of the farmers of hilly areas. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi is imparting skills on commercial cultivation of organic horticultural crops to the farmers of hilly areas so that chemicals free quality organic horticultural crops can be produced and nutritional security can be mitigated.

Farmers are regularly guided on organic formulations such as vermicompost-

among the farmers of hilly areas. He said that Reasi district of J&K has an immense potential in organic horticultural crops and farmers can produce chemical free horticultural crops by the adoption of eco-friendly low-cost horticultural practices. He narrated that KVK is providing the proper packaging and marketing practices to the farmers so that the farmers can generate more farm income. It is worthwhile to mention here that many new farmers are showing keen interest towards the commercial cultivation of organic horticultural crops.

JKGS expresses grief on demise of 4 siblings in Chetwari

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UDHAMPUR: All JK Gaddi Sabha (AJKGS) in a meeting on Sunday expressed grief over the death of 4 siblings which drowned to death while washing their sheep. Youth President of Sabha Kuldeep Kumar and all Sabha members extended their deep condolence to the bereaved family of deceased and conveyed deep hearted feelings. Those who attended the condolence meeting were Dr. Sanjay Kumar, DDC Narsoo Subash Kumar, DDC Pinky Devi, BR Charak, Hem Raj, Rajinder Kumar, Kewal Krishan, Vikas Singh, Ram Parkash, Jia Lal, Kartar Sujan, Mohinder Kumar, Shankar Dass, Chattoo Devi, Krishan Lal and many more.

'Paharis anticipating ST status ahead of HM's J&K visit'

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RAJOURI: Senior Pahari leader Tahir Manhas said that the community is expecting announcement of Schedule Tribe status ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to District Rajouri as the Union Minister is scheduled to address a public rally on October 1, 2022. In a statement issued to media persons, the senior Pahari leader made a fervent appeal to the members of Pahari Speaking community and their respective leaders to become the part of the aforesaid public rally without fail as the chances are ripe that the Home Minister will announce ST status in favour of the community. He said, "In case HM Shah will announce the reservation in favour of Paharis, the whole community would remain indebted to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for giving a fair deal to the community and ensuring the long pending justice". He categorically asked the Pahari community members not to forget the contributions of the former chief ministers of the erstwhile state of J&K, who during their respective tenures played significant roles making a strong case for the Paharis to get the ST status. Manhas particularly listed the names of ex-CMs including Dr Farooq Abdullah, late Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah for their proactive efforts in bringing the plight of Paharis before the centre for meaningful consideration of their case regarding the grant of ST status. He asserted that Ghulam Nabi Azad's endeavour towards providing succor to the Pahari community is matchless as during his tenure as CM of J&K, many facilities were created for the community in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

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KISHTWAR: Army marching ahead with glorious and rich traditions of brotherhood and camaraderie where every soldier is always remembered and their sacrifices are honoured. Thus, keeping in lines with these

traditions, a bust of Sowar Late Varinder Kumar Sharma, Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous) was installed by Indian Army in the remote native village of Jwalapur, (Patnazi) in District Kishtwar (J&K). The bust was unveiled by the fallen Heroe's mother Chana Devi officials from Indian Army and civil administration. The solemn ceremony was held in the presence of the parents of the braveheart and locals from nearby villages gathered in huge numbers. Sowar Late Varinder Kumar Sharma, Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous) had displayed raw courage and valour on 25 Sep 2007, in which he eliminated two hardcore ter-

rorists in an operation in Rajouri District of J&K and eventually made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. Indian Army officials interacted with the veterans and media during which it was emphasized that the sacrifices of the soldiers and their families will always be remembered and honoured. On the sidelines of the event, many women and youth of Kishtwar stood testimony to the efforts of the Army in coaching them successfully for various government and private sector jobs. The informal interaction at the Youth Employment Guidance Node, Kishtwar bought out many stories of women and youth whose lives have been uplifted because of the efforts of the Indian Army.

On the same lines, an interaction was carried out between the media persons and surrendered terrorists and family members of killed terrorists who are beneficiaries of various human resource development schemes of the Indian Army in Kishtwar.

the menace from the society with the slogan-SAY NO TO DRUGS. The event was conducted under the supervision of Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh, while Additional Secretary JKAACL, Sanjeev Rana closely monitored the event. Hundreds of Locals, Senior Citizens, Students and youth witnessed the play with great enthusiasm.

Rung Manch Theatre

Army organises lecture on 'Empower Women, Empower Nation'

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RAJOURI: Army organised an awareness lecture at Govt School, Khandiyal Kot, in District Rajouri for educating women, belonging to border region. The lecture started with opening remarks of Sarpanch, Khandiyal Kot who elucidated the assistance of Govt. The lecture informed them about various employment avenues and

welfare schemes such as National Policy of Education, Mahila Samakhya, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Programme for education of girls at elementary level etc. The attendees were grateful to the Indian Army for undertaking this initiative and asked for more interaction and support on similar activities.

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