

BJP restored dignity of West Pakistan Refugees: Slathia

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VIJAYPUR: BJP Pradesh Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia said the long spell of discrimination and deprivation of the West Pakistan Refugees in Jammu and Kashmir got closure with the Centre under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking path breaking initiatives of releasing Rs 5 lakh financial assistance per family besides issuing domicile certificates by the Union Territory administration.

"Having suffered for decades the West Pakistan Refugees are now the proud and integral part of J&K's socio-political structure", Slathia said while expressing his gratitude to the people felicitating him on being



BJP Pradesh Vice President S. S. Slathia addressing gathering.

appointed as the Prabhari of the BJP's Legal, Human Rights and Refugee Cell.

Slathia recalled the trauma and helplessness of the West Pakistan Refugees whose repeated pleas were contemptuously ignored by the successive governments both at the Centre and the then State. He also referred to the difficulties being faced by the young students who were unable to get admissions in the colleges and other professional institutions. It is

because of the visionary Prime Minister that their issues have got addressed and dignity restored, he said, adding that the BJP is committed to solve the problems of every segment of the society including the refugees.

Slathia said that a strong and vibrant BJP is answer to the problems faced to the country in general and J&K in particular. He hoped that the rank and file of the party will further intensify their public outreach programme

so that the issues confronted to people are identified and taken up at appropriate forums for speedy redressal.

Slathia was profusely greeted and garlanded by the people on his new assignment in the BJP, hoping that he will serve as a bridge between the party and the designated segments of the society.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Chairman, Block Development Council Rangarh Darshan Singh, General Secretary Border Kissan Union, Prem Pal Choudhry, Sarpanch Roop Chand, Jasbir Singh, Youth President OBC Samba Harvinder Singh, Ex Sarpanch Tejinder Singh and Om Prakash Choudhry.

Ravinder seeks reconstruction of Bhata bridge, widening of road from Thalka to Lam-Laroka-Jhanger

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NOWSHERA: Former MLC and Senior Congress Leader Ravinder Sharma has paid rich tributes to the 66 persons who lost their lives in a tragic road accident at Rajpur Bhata on this day in 2014 and regretted that the government has failed to reconstruct the bridge, the cause behind the tragedy.

Joining the families of victims and the people of Rajpur Bhata, Kamila and Qila Darhal areas who held a gathering on the day of remembrance to mourn the tragedy, Former MLC Ravinder Sharma said that it was a very shocking tragedy when the entire Barat party was washed away, due to flash floods and the local nallah overflowing the low height diversion.

Several families lost their family members and several

Azad's resignation beginning of 'Congress Mukt' J&K: Kavinder

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BHADARWAH: The resignation of Ghulam Nabi Azad from Congress Party has marked the beginning of end of Congress party from the soil of J&K as scores of his supporters have joined the tirade by following the pursuit of quitting the party.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta while interacting with several deputations during his visit to Bhadarwah. He said not only the J&K is verge of becoming Congress-free but the prevailing condition of Congress is indicating that soon Congress-Mukt



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta interacting with locals.

Bharat will also be a reality as party leaders leaving the sinking ship has been in vogue with outgoing leaders of the oldest party speaking out against those sitting at helm and not listening to anybody.

The former deputy Chief Minister said that it was the wrong policies of Congress and Pt Jawaharlal Nehru which subjected the people of Jammu region to face discrimination for the last over 70 years. He said that Azad's departure after 50 years from the Congress is the testimony to the fact that Congress is not the right party and is only promoting dynastic tendencies keeping the people and

its genuine leadership in the dark. While congratulating Ghulam Nabi Azad for coming up with a new political front, Kavinder hoped that his new party will work for the welfare of people by addressing their general issues and will also play a significant role in strengthening the country.

He also anticipated that Azad would not indulge in confrontational issues like Article 370, etc. He said that a new political front by Azad should bring good fortune for the people of J&K as many faces have posed faith in his leadership, which is good for democracy and health of politics in the Union Territory.

60 vaccinated, 537 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per a report issued by the District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department administered the vaccination pre-caution dose to 60 persons in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams today fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, the Health Department has collected 537 samples including 133 RT-PCR and 404 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 60 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

JKMPCL organises farmer awareness programme



Medicines being provided to farmers.

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KATHUA: A farmer awareness programme was organised by JKMPCL at Haria Chak village of Kathua district in which farmers from Haria Chak and surrounding villages participated.

JKMPCL Chairman Ashok Kumar Angurana (Retd. IAS), CEO Gaurav Sharma, Plant Incharge Sardar Chand and Field Incharge Mushtaq Ahmed were present at the event.

JKMPCL Chairman Ashok Kumar Angurana made the farmers aware of skin diseases and provided free skin diseases medicines to them. He gave a message among the farmers that all the farmer brothers should take cow buffalo milk in plastic free utensils so that the quality of milk does not deteriorate. Ashok informed that JKMPCL distributed more than 7 lakh tablets free of cost to the farmers for pre-

vention of skin diseases through 900 societies in both the divisions of J&K.

Ashok further disclosed that JKMPCL is going to open a milk chilling plant with a capacity of 40,000 in Haria Chak in 6-7 months and to build the biggest milk plant of Jammu and Kashmir with a capacity of 5 lakhs in Samba district in the coming three years.

JKMPCL CEO Gaurav Sharma said that JKMPCL distributed more than 7 lakh tablets free of cost among the farmers for their animals to prevent from skin diseases, which is worth 1.32 crores in the market, Distributed more than 20,000 SS Pails free of cost among the farmers worth Rs. 1 Crore and 50,000 Deworming Tablets distributed at a highly subsidised rate of Rs. 5 per tablet which has market value of Rs. 40 Lac.

Ongoing National Theatre Festival presents Hindi play Sandhya Chhaya



Dignitaries along with organisers and artists.

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REASI: Hindi play Sandhya Chhaya tells about the plight, loneliness and left-alone emotions of an elderly couple. On 3rd day Sandhya Chhaya was

staged at National Theatre Festival being organised by Sangam Theatre Group (Regd) Reasi here, Supported by Ministry of Culture Govt. Of India.

The play was presents by Savrang

Kala Sangam Reasi and Directed by Rajesh Ajanabi ,

The artist who acted in the play were Rajesh Ajnabi as Nana, Meenu Sharma as Nani, Nirdosh Sharma as Shyam, Drishti Gupta as Sharmila, Neeraj Kesar as Dinu, Naresh Kumaras Dada, Rashad Khan as Nandu, Vishal Pandoh as Mamdhu, Light by Shesh Kumar, Music by Madhu Sharma, Make-up by Megha Ajnabi, Set Design- Krishan Lal & sanjay dogra, Palvinder Singh, Publicity Agastya.

On the occasion Jugal Kishore Sharma Former Minister J&K State was the Chief Guest while Renu Kumari KAS Programme Officer ICDS Jammu was the guest of honour.

Anti-tobacco and cancer awareness camp held

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SAMBA: An anti-tobacco and oral cancer awareness camp along with dental check up camp was organized by Plaksha foundation under the FitIndia mission at Solar Printers industry, SIDCO, Bari Brahmana.

A team of experts comprising Dr.Gautam Sharma, Dr.Himja Mengi, Dr.Arshiya, Aanchal Devi (nurse) and Inderjeet Shan were present to examine the patient.

Dr. Gautam Sharma is dental surgeon with the University of Jammu as well as former president, Indian Dental Association (IDA), Jammu. While addressing the



Organisers along with team of doctors.

patients at the camp he stressed that the primary cause of oral cancer is chewing tobacco which includes khaini, gutkha, zarda etc. Lung cancer is more common in smokers. He advised the patients to take the help of de-addiction centres to stop the habit of chewing and smoking tobacco. Dr. Himja Mengi, founder of

Plaksha foundation and a social worker told that if any patient has difficulty in opening the mouth and has restricted mouth opening as well as white and red lesions in the mouth then he must contact an expert dentist for a complete check-up and screening for oral cancer. Dr. Arshiya, MDS in

Periodontics, informed the patients that if the cancer is screened at an early stage then it is completely treatable. She also examined the patients for their periodontal health and advised them to brush twice daily for a good oral health. Manoj Wadhwa and Rakesh Wadhwa, Managing Directors of the Solar Printers industry, Bari Brahmana were present on the occasion and presented the certificates of appreciation to the doctors who conducted the camp. Sumeet Gandotra from Colgate-Palmolive provided the free samples of Colgate Sensitive toothpastes for the camp.

Director Horticulture Jammu inaugurates Soil Testing Laboratory, Mega awareness Camp at Doda

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DODA: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak on Sunday inaugurated Soil Testing Laboratory and Mega awareness programme/ Kissan Mela, here at CHO office. More than 300 progressive orchardists/farmers attended the programme.

District Horticulture officer, Shakeel Ahmed and Manager cum Chemist Bhaderwah, Bharat Bhushan, HDOs of all the Blocks and field functionaries also attended the programme.

While speaking on the occasion, the Director Horticulture asked the participants to focus on the post harvest Management of fruit crops, especially to establish Processing units under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund PMFME CAPEX etc. which not only reduce post harvest losses but also create job opportunities for the rural youth.

He also exhorted upon farmers to bring

soil samples to test its health for better and quality yield.

"The Lab shall also meet the soil analysis need of Ramban and Kishtwar Districts" he said and impressed upon the officers to register the farmers for Modified High Density plantation for maximum coverage under the scheme.

The Chief Horticulture officer, Rakesh Kotwal asked the orchardist to establish new fruit plant Nurseries to meet the requirements of plant Material of the District.

He explained different development scheme and discussed the incentives being provided to the Orchardists for their socio-economic uplift. He said that the District Doda has huge potential of Horticulture which must be tapped and appealed the PRI and field functionaries to work in tandem for doubling the farmers income. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Manager cum Chemist Bhaderwah.

Thousands converge to witness ancient Mela Patt in Bhadarwah



Locals participating in Mela at Bhadarwah.

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BHADARWAH: Three days ancient Mela Patt concluded here with thousands of people converging on last day of the festival at Mohalla Khakhali in Jammu and Kashmir's Additional district Bhadarwah to witness the annual cultural event depicting rich and unique Nag Culture. As administration promises to take the 5 centuries old holy ritual to next level by projecting it as international cultural event and to also push for giving it a heritage status.

Beside Nag devotees and cultural enthusiasts from different walks of life from across Jammu and Kashmir, the concluding ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, ADC Choudhary Dil Mir, SDPO Meer Gafoor, Tehsildar Showkat Hayat Mattoo, BDO Bhadarwah and BDC Chairman, Omi

Chand Bhagat.

DC Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan said, "Although I heard and read a lot about Nag Culture of Bhadarwah but after witnessing the rituals of Kailash Yatra and Mela Patt, I was taken aback to experience the mesmerising age old customs."

"We are already on it to project the Mela Patt on the pattern of Kulu Dussehra and will also put our case strongly before the authorities to be

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YRS blocks Chorli-Bishnah road demanding holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday

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BISHNAH: Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) Chorli

Bishnah on Sunday staged a demonstration and blocked the Chorli-Bishnah their demand for declaring a holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, on September 23.

Abheer Satpal Singh Charak and Raghuvir Singh Charak YRS leaders said they had been making the demand for the last 10 years but the administration was yet to fulfil it.

They withdrew the road

blockade after about half-an-hour.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had formed a four-member committee in January this year to look into their long-standing demand.

Ankush Charak, Abheer Satpal Singh Charak, Raghuvir Singh Charak, Ishaan Singh Jamwal, Sushil Singh Charak Ajay Singh Charak, Arjun Singh Charak, Surjeet Singh Charak, Baljeet Singh Charak, Kamal Singh Chib, Brinder Singh Charak and other.

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