

J&K dairy need a serious action plan: Punjab Singh

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JAMMU: Progressive Dairy farmer and member J&K Kissan Advisory Board, Punjab Singh on Thursday appealed to UT administration for serious action plan for development of dairy sector in J&K UT.

While addressing the participants in dairy training in Jammu, he highlighted some important points and concerns related to dairy farming in the region.

Punjab Singh pointed out that J&K lags behind Punjab and Haryana in terms of pure breed diversity. "This is an important factor in dairy farming, as different breeds have different milk production capabilities and adaptability to local conditions. Addressing breed diversity issues can be crucial for improving dairy productivity," he said.

He also emphasized the need for a more scientific and modern approach to dairy farming. This includes everything from planning and management to milk processing and marketing.



Member J&K Kissan Advisory Board, Punjab Singh with dairy farmers.

"Dairy farming has evolved into a highly technical and specialized field, and farmers need access to the latest technology and knowledge to stay competitive," he said.

While the government has launched various schemes to assist dairy farmers, Punjab Singh highlighted that these schemes need to align better with the practical needs of dairy farmers.

"It's not just about creating Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) but also addressing the specific requirements of

local dairy farmers," he said.

Punjab Singh suggested that there is a significant opportunity for selling milk directly in local markets, such as Anganwaris.

"Exploring local market opportunities can provide a boost to the income of dairy farmers and help them benefit from their produce," he said.

Mentioning the Hostal Agriculture Development Policy, Punjab Singh raised concerns about its alignment with the needs of small dairy farmers. He suggested that the policy

components should be tailored to meet the specific needs of dairy farmers in J&K.

Punjab Singh also highlighted the importance of making public sector funds utilization accountable and result-oriented.

This is crucial for ensuring that government support and investments in the dairy sector translate into meaningful improvements and benefits for farmers, he said.

He expressed hope that the two vice-chancellors of agriculture universities being veterinarians will be

beneficial for the dairy sector.

Modernizing centralized hospitals, implementing new technologies for disease detection, and focusing on quality dairy extension services can be pivotal in supporting dairy farmers, he said.

Finally, Punjab Singh emphasized the need for a practical approach rather than relying on outdated methods or stereotypical representations of dairy farming, possibly referring to outdated resources like YouTube videos.

Punjab Singh appealed to underscore the need for a more tailored and comprehensive approach to the development of the dairy sector in Jammu and Kashmir, taking into account the specific challenges and opportunities faced by local dairy farmers.

This includes a focus on breed diversity, modernization, market opportunities, and effective utilization of government schemes and policies.

Day-by-day campaign under "Meri Maati Mera Desh" gather momentum in Ward 44



BJP Mandal team of Ward 44 collecting Mitti during "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign.

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JAMMU: The day-by-day campaigning under the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" banner continued to gather momentum in Booth No 94 of Ward 44.

The event saw a significant gathering of BJP members and supporters, including prominent figures such as Surjeet Singh, Vinay Gupta, Daljeet Singh, Jagjeet Singh, Arvind Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Jasbir Singh, and other individuals who lent their presence and support to the occasion. Following the spirited campaign activities, a booth-level meeting was convened within Booth No 94 in Ward 44.

This meeting served as a platform for in-depth discussions

and strategizing. The primary agenda of the meeting was to devise comprehensive outreach programs aimed at addressing and redressing the various problems faced by the residents of this constituency.

During the meeting, the dedicated team of BJP Mandal of Ward 44 analyzed the specific issues affecting the local population, taking into account their concerns and aspirations. Together, they brainstormed innovative solutions and strategies to connect with the community effectively. This collaborative effort emphasized the importance of understanding the needs of the people and working towards their betterment.

The booth-level meeting high-

lighted the BJP's commitment to grassroots engagement and its dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of the constituents. As the campaign continued to gain momentum, it was clear that the BJP Ward 44 team was united in its mission to serve the people and uphold the principles of "Meri Maati Mera Desh."

This event marked another step forward in the journey towards achieving the party's goals and delivering meaningful change to the citizens of Ward 44.

Which is followed by booth level meeting in booth no. 94 in ward 44 and also discuss to make the strategy to conduct outreach programs to address the redressal of the problems.

Ram Pal Sharma administered oath as President of Brahman Sabha Hiranagar



Newly appointed President of Brahman Sabha Hiranagar, Ram Pal Sharma with other dignitaries at oath ceremony.

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KATHUA: Ram Pal Sharma, newly appointed President of Brahman Sabha Hiranagar and his team of officer-bearers was administered oath by R.D Sharma, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Jammu in a colourful grand function attended by more than one thousand persons of Brahman Community.

The function was organized by Bhagwan Shree Parshuram Dham Mandir Management Committee Gurah Mundian on the directions of All J&K Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu in Bhagwan Shree Parshuram Dham Gurah

Mundian on the occasion of Bhagwan Shree Krishna Jannashtami.

Ved Parkash Sharma President All J&K Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu was the Chief Guest, Nidhi Sharma, daughter of late Girdhari Lal Dogra, a veteran leader of J&K, remembered for his honesty and simplicity was the Special Guest whereas Prof. Ram Murti Sharma, Convenor of Brahman Sabha Kathua presided over the function. President of Brahman Sabha Kathua, Dr Dushyant Ubbat, President Brahman Sabha Jatwal and President Brahman Sabha Samba

were present in the function and were honoured by President Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu. Thousands of people were present in the function which included DDC member Abhinandan Sharma, BDC Chairman Ram Lal Kalia, score of Sarpanchs, Panchs of the area, Rishi Kesh Sharma Patron-in-Chief, Har Datt Sharma Chairman of Parshuram Dham Mandir Committee.

M.L Toofan, President of Parshuram Dham Mandir Complex Gurah Mundian and Vinay Sharma, Sarpanch Kot Punnu compared the proceedings of the function.

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JAMMU: Vikramjeet Singh, a writer and Inspector in Jammu and Kashmir Police, has shared his experiences concerning spirituality and truth through his book 'Golden epoch-the era of knowledge'.

The book was released at Press Club, Jammu by SSP Crime, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Shailender Singh (Sahitya Academy awardee), Padma Shri Mohan Singh Salathia, Principal GDC Marh Rakesh Kumar koul, Prof Savita Jamwal and Rajrishee, famous writer of Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, SSP Shailender Singh conveyed his best wishes to the author of the book, Vikramjeet Singh, saying that your book is dedicated to human welfare, which will help the coming generation to move beyond the mundane activities of life through enchanting of Om, and will help them to lean towards spirituality by understanding



SSP Crime Shailender Singh and other dignitaries releasing book of Vikramjeet Singh.

core idea of life. Padma Shri Mohan Singh Salathia, said that this book is dedicated to spirituality but the word Om is eternal in the universe, so if a person wants to achieve his path by enchanting it, this book will prove very useful for such a person. My best wishes to Vikramjeet Singh for writing this book despite such a busy routine in the police department.

Prof Dr. Rakesh Kumar koul said that the work of Vikramjeet singh is an inspiration for all people

irrespective of their age. He further exhorted that it is the need of hour to uplift the derailed youth through awareness on the path of spirituality. He also shared his valuable experiences in spirituality and requested all to embark on the path of spirituality.

Prof Savita Jamwal and writer Raj Rishi Sharma also expressed their views

Vikramjeet's book 'Golden epoch-the era of knowledge' perpetuates Om enchanting released

Congress holds marches in Jammu to mark Bharat Jodo Yatra's first anniversary

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JAMMU: The Congress on Thursday held marches across the Jammu region to mark the first anniversary of the Kanyakumari-Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra, carrying forward the "message of love, religious harmony and brotherhood".

In Jammu, the main yatra was led by Rajni Patil, the Congress' Jammu and Kashmir in-charge. She was accompanied by the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Vikar Rasool Wani, leader Manoj Yadav and Working President Raman Bhalla and others.

Last year's cross-country march witnessed Rahul Gandhi and several Congress leaders traverse over 4,000 kilometres and interact with a cross-section of society. Gandhi launched the yatra on September 7, 2022, in Kanyakumari. It ended on January 30 this year as



Congress' J&K in-charge, Rajni Patil leading march at Jammu on Thursday.

Gandhi capped his ambitious 145-day journey in Srinagar.

The yatra replicated the Bharat Jodo Yatra and began with Patil hoisting the Tricolour. The march moved from Miran Sahib towards Satwari Chowk amid slogans of "Bharat jodo, nafrat chhodo".

Similar yatras were held by all Congress district

units, led by senior leaders.

Addressing a gathering, Patil said the day is of great historical importance. The Bharat Jodo Yatra aimed to highlight the economic inequalities and the burning issues confronting the cross-section of the country's pluralistic culture.

"It was a unique and unprecedented yatra in the

history of independent India," she said.

The yatra emerged as a turning point against the forces of division and hatred, Patil added.

Jammu and Kashmir has been an abode of religious tolerance and brotherhood for centuries and the people wholeheartedly supported the Bharat Jodo Yatra despite the inclement weather, she said.

According to Patil, the entire nation realises the

pain and sufferings the people of Jammu and Kashmir went through during the long spell of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

She also lashed out at the BJP government at the Centre, saying people are facing unprecedented price rise and record unemployment.

Patil also alleged that the people are suffering from the "downgrading" of the state and the snatching away of their democratic rights, land and jobs.

Wani said the Bharat Jodo Yatra made a mark in history as it was a unique initiative during a time when the country was facing great social and economic challenges.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir will remember Gandhi for his tireless efforts to extend a helping hand and give voice to the suffering people, he said.

People want the restoration of democracy and statehood at the earliest, the Congress leader said.

Wadhera organises programme on 'Swatchta Hi Sewa Hey' at Jaipur

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JAMMU: Kewal Krishan Wadhera organised a special programme on 'Swatchta Hi Sewa Hey' at Jaipur.

Wadhera enriched and motivated all the students and staff members at Government Girls College Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur on Wednesday.

About the importance of cleanliness and preserving the environment keeping it clean and green eco

friendly.

He motivated everyone to use cloth bags instead of Polythene bags to save the environment from the hazards of polythene. He also suggest how can we reuse of plastic items.

The Principal of the College, Dr. Alka Tripathi presented a vote of thanks.

The lecture also attended by Dr Netu, Dr Suneta Kumari, Dr. Sorab and Dr. Sangeeta.

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Thursday, accused Kashmir's political dynasties and the Congress party of deceiving the people of J&K for decades through their deceptive politics.

He called on the people to reject the traditional politicians and their parties in the upcoming electoral processes to put an end to over seven decades of exploitation.

Apni Party president was addressing the party's workers' convention at Verinag in South Kashmir, on Thursday. On this occasion, several political activists from the area formally joined Apni Party.

Taking a dig at the conventional political parties, Bukhari said that these parties have consistently deceived the people of Jammu and Kashmir through their political maneuvering and deceptive politics. He said, "Firstly, let's take a look at the Congress party's role in J&K. History bears witness to the fact that the Congress party, which portrays itself as the well-wisher of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, has spared no effort to damage the interests of this region and its people over the past seven decades. It orchestrated the arrest of J&K's Prime Minister through a police sub-inspector in 1953 and subsequently reinstated the deposed Prime Minister as Chief Minister in 1975, a move that eroded the sanctity of the highest office and downgraded the region's constitutional status. Again, in 1983, the same Congress party removed the NC government. A few years later, in 1987, Congress joined hands with the same NC to rig the elections. This event eventually triggered a protracted phase of violence that led to the suffering of hundreds of thousands of young people, who either ended up in graveyards or in jails."

"However, Congress could



Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari and other leaders at a public meeting.

only engage in such political maneuvering and tactics with the support of traditional political parties, especially the National Conference, and their leaders," he added.

He harshly criticized the NC for its political deceptions and said, "NC has always befooled people with its deceptive political narratives in order to attain power and remain in power."

He went on to elaborate it, "NC has always misled the people with its deceitful narratives and emotionally charged slogans in its quest for power. Firstly, its leader acceded to the country and seized power. After his ouster, his party launched a so-called 'plebiscite movement' to exploit public emotions. However, after 22 years, when the same party was offered power again, it abandoned its movement, claiming that the so-called movement was nothing more than 'Awaragardi' (aimless wandering). Its political gimmickry did not stop there but continued with slogans of 'autonomy' and so on. The party even attempted to convince people that it was protecting Article 370. However, now that this article has been abrogated, the same party and its leaders are trying to deceive the public by claiming that they will undo this abrogation. In reality, their sole objective is to attain power by using these deceptive slogans to secure votes from the public."

"Ironically, the NC is now joining hands with the Congress, whose leaders it had previously derogatorily

referred to as 'Gandi Nali Kay Keeday' (cockroaches from the sewer); this exemplifies how the party changes its stance in the quest for power," he added.

Grilling the PDP over its dubious role, Bukhari said, "PDP was established with the claim that it would end the NC's family role in Jammu and Kashmir; but, eventually, its leaders imposed their own family's role here."

"In 2014, PDP sought votes from people claiming that it would keep BJP at bay in J&K, but soon after the elections, it joined hands with the same BJP, insulting the public mandate," he added.

Apni Party President urged people to reject these political parties in the upcoming elections to put an end to their exploitation. He said, "It is your responsibility to tell these political exploiters that enough is enough. You must reject their deceptions through your votes." He pledged that Apni Party, if gets the mandate in the coming elections, will ensure the socio-political empowerment of the people of J&K. He said, "We do not believe in raising emotionally charged slogans and making false promises. We believe in the politics of truthfulness and transparency. Our agenda is crystal clear and unambiguous. We are here to ensure sustainable peace, progress, and prosperity in J&K and the socio-political empowerment of its people."

The political workers from the area joined the party today in the presence of the party president.