

Slathia slams Congress for working against interests of J&K

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SAMBHA: BJP Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Tuesday lashed out at the Congress and National Conference for creating roadblocks in Jammu and Kashmir's journey towards peace and development because of their proximity to soft separatist agenda over the years.

However, he said , the BJP led NDA government has reversed the Cong-NC agenda by taking path breaking initiatives, especially post abrogation of Article 370 that transformed Jammu and Kashmir, making the region tourism hub from terrorism hotbed.

Surjeet Singh Slathia, who is the BJP candidate for Sambha Assembly Constituency, was addressing public meetings at Kamila, Jalapur, Patyari, Surara, Rediyan, Ward No 11, Pakki Mandi in Sambha.

He castigated the Congress for working against the large



BJP Pradesh Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Samba.

er interests of Jammu and Kashmir.

Slathia slammed the two alliance partners for furthering the Pakistan agenda, which is why a Federal Minister of the rogue nation in the neighbourhood is all praise for the Congress and the National Conference. He cautioned the people against machinations of these two parties that want to push Jammu and Kashmir in the dark tunnel of uncertainty, destruction and devastation.

Slathia referred to the major initiatives undertaken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in Jammu and Kashmir that have brought a discernible change during the past over five years which has become an eyesore for the Congress and NC that believe in boiling Kashmir and politics of graveyards. On the contrary, he said the BJP's commitment to inclusive governance as per Prime Minister's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,

Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas has fostered a sense of belonging with renewed spirit of confidence among people in this part of the country . So much so that the political entities believing in separatism have also now realized the futility of their misadventure and shown intent to join the mainstream.

"This is a huge shift in the political landscape, all because of the firm leadership at the Centre and

unflinching support of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to the initiatives for bringing lasting peace in once trouble torn state", Slathia said, adding that the people are for the first time having a feel of being at the centre stage of various schemes aimed at ameliorating their lot.

Slathia exuded confidence about people coming out of their homes in record numbers on the day of polling to cast their votes for the BJP. "Your every vote will be support for taking forward the mission of Yashasvi Narendra Modiji to make peaceful and prosperous Naya Jammu and Kashmir.

Prominent among those who present in rallies included Mandal President Balwinder Singh Naresh Upadhaya DDC Suresh Sharma Balwan Singh Sarpanch Mukhtayar Singh Suraj Parkash Verma Pritam Singh Baldev Singh Jasbir Singh.

GDC Khour celebrates NSS Foundation Day



Students expressing views during the programme.

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KHOOR: The NSS unit of Government Degree College Khour organized an orientation cum induction programme for newly admitted 1st Sem. Students in connection with the celebration of NSS Foundation Day on Tuesday.

The event was inaugurated by the Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma with traditional lightening of ceremonial

lamp. Senior volunteers sang NSS song and also shared their experiences in NSS with the freshers. The event witnessed various dance performances, speeches and poem recitation by NSS volunteers.

While interacting with the volunteers, the Principal of the College stressed upon them to follow the NSS motto "Not Me But You" and inspire them to inculcate sense of leadership and commitment towards

voluntary community services.

Prof. Himanshu Khajuria NSS PO presented detailed PowerPoint presentation to the gathering about the introduction, importance, aims & objectives of NSS.

The main aim of NSS is to develop the personality of the students through community services. He motivated the students to inculcate in them a sense of responsibility and discipline.

Prof. Reeta Menia, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Sapna Narania & Prof. Pooja Kumari were also present in the event. After the culmination of the event, a cleanliness drive was conducted by about 40 NSS volunteers in the College campus.

The Principal of the College appreciated the efforts and dedication of NSS volunteers.

Session on "Stress Management in Personal and Professional Life" held at SKPA



A resource person delivering lecture.

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UDHAMPUR: A special session on the topic "Stress Management in Personal and Professional Life" held at SKPA for Prob. DySPs batch 17th.

The session was held by Dr. Suresh Kumar Saini, a retired Inspector General (IG) of the Railway Protection Force

(RPF). During the session, Dr. Saini emphasized the growing importance of stress management especially for individuals working in high pressure professions like law enforcement and highlighted challenges faced by Police personnel.

The key points discussed during the session were rising stress level, impact of stress on

health, work-life balance, stress management techniques and role of organizations.

In the conclusion Dr. Saini said that Stress management is crucial for both personal happiness and professional success.

He also said that by adopting healthy habits, practicing self-care and seeking support individuals can manage stress effectively and lead a more balanced life. It is important both individuals and organizations to take proactive steps in recognizing and addressing stress.

Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor) SKPA warmly welcome the guest speaker for this crucial session on stress management. Rakesh Sambyal, CPO was also present during session.

Arya urges support for people-centric governance in upcoming assembly elections



BJP Candidate Mohan Lal Bhagat addressing public meeting at Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: National BJP SC Morcha President Lal Singh Arya, State BJP President Neelam Langeh, and State BJP SC Morcha Prabhari Jagdish Bhagat, alongside candidate Mohanlal Bhagat, held impactful public gatherings in the villages of Devipur and Kotgari, addressing hundreds of enthusiastic BJP supporters. The rallies aimed to connect with the local populace and discuss both national achievements and local concerns, while emphasizing the Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to inclusive growth.

During the rallies, key speakers lauded the achievements of the Modi govern-

ment at the national level, with a special focus on the progress made in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir after the historic abrogation of Article 370. The leaders underlined that the BJP is a party for all communities and classes, pointing out that it was the

BJP that honored Dr. BR Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna for his immense contributions to the nation.

Candidate Mohanlal Bhagat addressed the specific concerns of the local communities, promising to prioritize issues such as irrigation needs related to the River

Chenab, the installation of smart meters, and employment opportunities. He assured the villagers that their problems would be addressed with urgency and solutions would be implemented at the earliest.

In their closing remarks, the BJP leaders appealed to

the public to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming Assembly Elections. They highlighted that only with BJP's leadership can people-oriented policies effectively reach every individual, ensuring comprehensive development across the region. The rallies in Devipur and Kotgari reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to building a model constituency that reflects the aspirations of every citizen.

Those present during the program are Ex Sarpanch Jagdish Bhagat, Ex Sarpanch Ganesh Dass, Ravinder Singh, Sagar Hans, Sandesh Kumar, Ram Lal, Ravinder Singh, Satish Kumar, Bakinder Singh and others.

DEO Poonch flags off polling parties ahead of poll Day

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POONCH: With the Assembly elections scheduled for tomorrow (September 25), District Election Officer (DEO) Vikas Kundal on Tuesday flagged off the polling parties for all 483 polling stations amid tight security arrangements. The DEO inaugurated the proceedings by flagging off the first poll party, marking the commencement of a comprehensive deployment operation. The district administration has completed all necessary preparations to ensure a smooth electoral process. Special attention has been given to critical areas requiring enhanced security measures, reflecting the authorities' commitment to conducting free, fair,



DEO Vikas Kundal flagging off polling parties.

and safe elections across Poonch. A total of 2,452 employees have been deployed across the district's 483 polling stations, spread over its three constituencies. Additionally, 204 critical polling stations have been

provided with extra security to guarantee a peaceful voting process.

Flagging off the poll parties from the Auditorium of Government Degree College, the DEO emphasized the thoroughness of the preparations. "We have

ensured all necessary arrangements for the poll parties at every polling station. From staff deployment to logistical support and security, no detail has been overlooked. Our aim is to facilitate a free, fair, and smooth election process on September 25," Kundal said.

The constituency-wise

deployment has been meticulously planned. For 88-Surankote, 778 employees have been deployed for 151 polling stations, while 956 employees have been assigned across 190 polling stations in 89-Haveli and 718 employees for 142 polling stations in 90-Mendhar, ensuring smooth operations throughout.

In addition to the poll party staff, Micro Observers have been deployed at key polling stations to ensure transparency and uphold the integrity of the election process. These observers will oversee the proceedings and report any irregularities.

General Election Observers and senior election officials were present during the flag-off ceremony.

JU's Kathua Campus hosts Hands-on Training in Information Technology



Faculty members along with students during the event.

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KATHUA: Kathua Campus of the University of Jammu organized a hands-on training session on Information Technology as part of its Dynamic Education Series. The initiative aimed to provide students from Government Girls High School Nagri (Kathua) with real-world exposure during their industrial visit to the campus. The event commenced with a warm welcome from faculty members, leading into interactive sessions that allowed students to engage directly with educators.

Participants gained insights into the latest trends and technologies in Information Technology, experiencing hands-on learning that showcased real-time applications. They explored state-of-the-art laboratories and research centers, witnessing how academic learning integrates with modern technological advancements. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector of Kathua Campus, interacted with the students and emphasized the significance of such initiatives. He noted that providing students with practical exposure helps them understand the scope of their studies and prepares them for future professional challenges. He encouraged students to take advantage of these opportunities, reinforcing the campus's commitment to quality education and innovation in an ever-evolving technological landscape. Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Head of MCA, wel-

comed the visiting group and highlighted the vibrant learning environment at the campus. He pointed out that initiatives like this strengthen the relationship between the institution and the community, inspiring young minds to explore their potential in technology.

Engaging lectures were delivered by Dr. Sunny Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Gourav Sharma, Avni Sharma, and Dr. Bharti Rana. Additional insights were shared by Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Nomita Sharma, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Jeevanjot, and Er. Rakshit Khajuria, who discussed the range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered at the campus.

This hands-on training not only enriched the students' understanding of the IT field but also motivated them to pursue academic excellence.

DEO Rajouri briefs media on Polling Day preparedness

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RAJOURI: District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today briefed the media persons regarding the district's preparedness for the Polling, scheduled for tomorrow. The DEO listed various steps taken to ensure smooth, free, and fair elections in the district, with an emphasis on transparency, security and compliance with the Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines.

The DEO informed that 745 teams have been dispatched to different polling stations across the district to facilitate the electoral process. Making a significant development, for the first time in any election Rajouri will witness 100% webcasting in all polling stations, a direc-

tive issued by the Election Commission of India to ensure transparency.

In addition to webcasting, 468 micro observers have been deployed across the district, ensuring real-time monitoring of election activities at different polling stations.

Special arrangements have been made for remote polling stations, where two cameras have been installed-one inside and another outside each polling station to further enhance the transparency and accountability of the voting process.

To strengthen enforcement efforts, Flying Squads Teams (FST) and Static Surveillance Teams (SST) have been deployed and are operational round the clock. These teams are not only patrolling but are also being monitored through CCTV cameras installed at strategic locations throughout the district, ensuring that all activities are in line with the Model Code of Conduct.

The DEO also informed about the restrictions imposed for the 48-hour silence period preceding the elections, ensuring that no election campaigning is conducted within this time frame as per the ECI guidelines.

During the press briefing,

the DEO disclosed that several complaints were received from various areas of the district, all of which are being promptly addressed. A complaint from Budhal regarding the alleged distribution of cash and liquor was received and immediately forwarded to the Returning Officer and police authorities for necessary action. Another complaint concerning vehicle checking is currently under investigation. Additionally, a complaint regarding the obstruction of a vehicle was swiftly dealt with, with FST teams reaching the location to address the situation.

The DEO assured the public that the directions of the Election Commission of India are being followed in letter and spirit and the district administration is committed to conducting free, fair, and transparent elections. He reiterated that all efforts are being made to ensure that the electoral process remains impartial and that any violations will be dealt with strictly.

The DEO also appealed to the public to cooperate with the authorities and report any instances of violations or misconduct to ensure the smooth conduct of elections in the district.

NSS units of GDC Udhampur organises cleanliness drive under 'Swachhta He Sewa'



NSS unit of college along with faculty members during the drive.

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UDHAMPUR: The NSS Units of GDC Udhampur under the patronage of Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma organized a cleanliness drive under the Theme 'Swachhta he Sewa' outside the college campus i.e area of stairs just adjoining to the college.

The decision of choosing such area was purely of the volunteers who actually wants to ease the people living near those stairs from the garbage and the diseases spread by it frequently in the surrounding houses, moreover to make others realize the need of cleanliness in our surrounding.

Prior to the drive Principal briefed volunteers the need of cleanliness and how important it

is to live in a clean environment, he also motivated volunteers to make our country clean and green. NSS POs Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof. Sanjeet Singh while addressing volunteers also emphasized on the importance of clean society and clean India, and appealed volunteers to sensitize public so as to make our country clean.

The volunteers were flagged off by Worthy Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma along with senior faculty members viz. Prof. B.L.Thakur, Prof. Suresh K. Dogra, Prof. S.K.Bhat, Prof. Shobana Sambyal and staff secretary Dr. Jagjeet Singh from the college main gate, the onlookers including staff and students of the college were surprised to see the

enthusiasm and the innovative placards made by volunteers on the slogan " Swatchta he Sewa".

Almost 50 volunteers along with POs started the drive from college main gate by shouting slogans on "Make India Clean" throughout their way from college campus to their nearby destination. Few of our volunteers also visited near by houses of colony so as to sensitize them not to throw garbage on the roads.

It was a successful event wherein the students also interacted with the citizens, on reaching campus back worthy Principal Sir congratulated the NSS Volunteers and wished them bright future and motivate them to work for prosperity of nation.

RO Rehman visits DH Poonch to assess condition of injured polling staff



RO Qadeer ul Rehman enquiring well being of injured.

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POONCH: Returning Officer (RO) Qadeer ul Rehman visited the District Hospital in Poonch to assess the condition of polling party members injured in a vehicle accident on the Jhullas road.

Speaking to the media, Rehman confirmed that the injuries sustained by 3 to 4 individuals were minor and

that they are receiving appropriate medical care.

To ensure the election process remains uninterrupted, Rehman announced that a second polling party has been dispatched to the polling station.

He reassured the public that the elections will proceed as planned tomorrow, maintaining the integrity of the electoral process.

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