

# Seva Pakhwada reflects Modi’s vision of politics as public service: Nalwa

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JAMMU: The BJP Border District unit, under the leadership of District President Rinku Choudhary, organized a workshop today to finalize preparations for the upcoming 'Seva Pakhwada' - a fortnight-long campaign running from September 17 to October 2. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from BJP leaders and workers across the border district.

J&K UT BJP Minority Morcha President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa graced the event as the chief guest, alongside District In-charge Rajinder Singh Chib, State Minority Morcha In-charge H.S. Pummy, and other party functionaries.

Addressing the gathering, Nalwa emphasized the significance of Seva Pakhwada, which begins on Prime



J&K UT BJP Minority Morcha President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa speaking at a workshop.

Minister Narendra Modi's birthday (Sept 17) and concludes on Gandhi Jayanti (Oct 2) - also marking the birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

He said the campaign embodies the BJP's philosophy of politics as a medium of service, promoting public welfare, and strengthening grassroot engagement.

Highlighting the cam-

paign's themes of 'Swadeshi' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Nalwa stated that the initiative reflects Prime Minister Modi's commitment to self-reliant development and inclusive governance. "As Prime Minister, Modi Ji has always used governance as a tool for service. Seva Pakhwada is a tribute to his ideals," he said.

Nalwa also invoked the

values of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and Lal Bahadur Shastri, urging party workers to draw inspiration from their contributions. He particularly stressed Shastri Ji's slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan', calling it ever-relevant in today's contexts.

District President Rinku Choudhary elaborated in detail about the Seva Pakhwada and the planned activities. "During these 15 days, the Minority Morcha will actively participate in blood donation camps, cleanliness drives, and plantation programmes in different areas. These initiatives reflect our commitment to serve society selflessly and spread awareness about health, environment, and social responsibility," Rinku said.

He assured that the Border District unit would

ensure successful execution of every programme, reaching every village and block so that people feel directly connected with the Prime Minister's vision. "From cleanliness to blood donation and plantation drives, every activity will be conducted with full enthusiasm and public participation," he said.

The leaders urged all party workers to actively participate and make the Seva Pakhwada a grand success, spreading the message of service, harmony, and dedication to the nation.

The workshop concluded with a collective call for unity and commitment. Leaders urged party workers to actively participate and make Seva Pakhwada a grand success, spreading the message of service, harmony, and national pride.

# DDC Poonch reviews progress under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme

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POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the implementation and achievements under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The Officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries presented detailed PowerPoint presentations highlighting program registrations, approvals, farmer enrollments and progress on key projects. The updates covered the establishment of Kissan Kidhmat Ghars, expenditure under HADP, development of poultry farms, fodder resources, status of DAKSH Kissan Portal, JKOTP, carp ponds, trout units, fish farms and other schemes.

The District Development



DDC Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma chairing a meeting.

Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure accurate data on the DAKSH portal and encourage greater acceptance of applications. He also emphasized increasing registrations under Kisan Sathi and enhancing farmer enrollment under KKG.

Underscoring the need for wider outreach, the DDC

instructed allied departments to actively promote all schemes, boost milk production in dairy farms and support the development of other local products for better market presence.

The meeting was attended by CPO, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, DSO, AD Fisheries, AD Floriculture, AGMO and other concerned officers.

# Raina visits Gulabgarh to express condolences with family lost seven members in floods

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REASI: Senior BJP leader and former party president Ravinder Raina today visited Village Badder in Gulabgarh, Reasi district, to express his heartfelt condolences to the family of Nazir Ahmed, his wife Wazira Begum and their five children, who tragically lost their lives after being buried under debris in a landslide triggered by heavy rainfall.

Braving the difficult terrain, Raina travelled to one of the remotest areas of Reasi to personally meet the bereaved family members.

Raina shared their immense grief and assured them of full support from the party and administration in this tragic hour.

"This is an irreparable loss and words are not enough to console the family. We stand shoulder to shoulder with them in this moment of pain," Raina said while consoling the relatives.



Senior BJP leader Ravinder Raina interacting with flood affected people of Village Badder in Gulabgarh.

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The BJP leader also urged the administration to extend immediate relief measures and adequate financial assistance to the affected family.

"The government must take steps to ensure the safety of people living in landslide-prone hilly regions of Jammu and Kashmir, especially during the ongoing monsoon season," Raina said.

Raina was accompanied

by a team of party leaders including BJP senior leaders Omni Khajuria, S. Pardeep Singh, Capt. Sukhdev Singh, Akram Choudhary, Adv. Anil Sharma, BJYM leader Amit Singh Rajput, Mandal Presidents Chamail Singh and Ch. Waqar Hussain, Bansil Lal, ST Morcha Distt. President Rafiq Choudhary, Adv. Imran Akram, Chain Singh, Mani Ram, Angrez Singh, and others.

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POONCH: A historic moment was witnessed today with the completion of the first phase of the reconstruction of the revered Yaadgar Gurdwara Sahib Shri Mahant Bachittar Singh Ji in Poonch, which had suffered extensive damage during Operation Sindoor.

The restoration has been undertaken under Project Garima, envisioned and guided by Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh, Maharaja Kumar Ajat Shatru Singh Ji, Rajkumar Ranvijay Singh Ji, and Rajkumari Adishree Singh Ji of the Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation, along with prominent citizens of Jammu, with the support of Foundation members.

To commemorate this milestone of faith, resilience, and unity, a special function was held on September 10, 2025, at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram, Jammu, under the banner

of Project Garima. The event marked the successful completion of the first phase of reconstruction of this historic and sacred site, which continues to hold immense spiritual and cultural significance for the community. The solemn gathering of over 250 participants included community elders, Sikh leaders, Foundation members, social activists, and citizens who came together to honour the resilience of Poonch and reaffirm the importance of preserving sacred heritage.

The program commenced with a soulful Ardas by Dera Mukhi Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji, invoking blessings for peace, unity, and protection for the people of Poonch, while remembering those who endured suffering during Operation Sindoor.

Addressing the congregation, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh stated: This mission is not only about rebuilding a Gurdwara, but about restoring

faith, dignity, and the cultural legacy of our people. Project Garima is a tribute to resilience and unity, reminding us that sacred spaces are symbols of strength and hope. We are humbled to stand with the community of Poonch and to reaffirm our shared values of compassion and service.

Narinder Singh, District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Poonch, expressed profound gratitude to the Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation for its steadfast commitment, describing the project as a restoration of both faith and identity. Words of appreciation were also conveyed by Shri Prithpal Singh Ji (President, Krishna Ghatti Gurdwara) and Shri Ajeet Singh Ji (Vice President), who acknowledged the deep impact of this restoration.

A special note of thanks was extended to Vikas Kundal, IAS former Deputy

Commissioner of Poonch, whose administrative support was instrumental in navigating logistical and security challenges and ensuring the smooth execution of the project.

The initiative was further strengthened by the active participation of 160 members of the Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation from Jammu, Katra, and Nagbani, along with generous supporters and prominent citizens of Jammu, including Jyotika Jhalani, Kartike Jhalani, CA. Ayush Sawhney, Ashish Gupta, and Samar Dev Bansal. Equally noteworthy was the heartfelt contribution of DPS Jammu alumni, including Archit Puri, Vikrant Gupta, Mr. Deepak Gupta, Shiromani Gupta, Arush Pathania, and many more, whose donations and support added strength to this noble cause. All contributions were managed with transparency and accountability, and donors and part-

ners were gratefully acknowledged.

As part of the Foundation's thoughtful planning for community safety, the reconstructed Gurdwara now incorporates a protective bunker within its premises. This addition will serve as a refuge for the Sangat and local residents during emergencies, reflecting foresight and a deep concern for human life alongside cultural preservation.

The successful completion of the first phase of Project Garima stands as a landmark achievement symbolizing courage, unity, and service. Inspired by the enduring values of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji, the Foundation reaffirms its commitment to preserving heritage, strengthening communities, and ensuring that sacred spaces continue to serve as beacons of faith and resilience for generations to come. With the same spirit of dedication and service, Project Garima will now advance into its subsequent phases.

# Ved felicitates newly appointed BJP All Cells team in Kathua

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KATHUA: In a significant organisational event, BJP J&K All Cells Incharge Ved Sharma today felicitated the newly constituted Kathua District team of BJP All Cells during a vibrant programme held in Kathua. The event saw enthusiastic participation from party leaders, workers, and supporters, highlighting the party's focus on strengthening its grassroots presence.

Ved Sharma in presence of Priya Sethi, former Minister, BJP Vice President, and Prabhari for District Kathua and District Kathua President Updesh Andotra, officially announced the formation of 20 All Cells in the district.



BJP J&K All Cells Incharge Ved Sharma speaking at a workshop in Kathua.

Ved Sharma congratulated the newly appointed convenors and co-convenors, urging them to serve with dedication and become a bridge between the public and the party. He emphasized that each cell plays a crucial role in addressing the

needs of various sections of society and in promoting the party's outreach through effective engagement and service.

Prominent leaders present on the occasion included Bharat Bhushan, Convenor of the Tourism Cell; P.C.

Sharma, Convenor of the Employee Cell; Narinder Singh, Convenor of the Art & Culture Cell and Jagdish Sharma Co-convenor. They were joined by Kulwant Singh Bhati, Shishu Pal Singh, and Kamal Preet Singh.

Priya Sethi, while addressing the gathering, underscored the role of All Cells in raising awareness about government schemes and enhancing the party's presence in every village, mohalla, and sector. Sethi encouraged convenors to remain proactive and ensure that their efforts reflect the inclusive spirit and ideology of the party.

Both Sharma and Sethi motivated workers to commit

themselves to sincere public service, discipline, and dedication. They stressed that the All Cells must act as effective outreach platforms to ensure that government benefits reach every segment of society, thereby empowering the organisation and the people.

District President Updesh Andotra welcomed the newly formed team and expressed hope for their cooperation and commitment towards strengthening the party's mission in Kathua.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, with all dignitaries and appointees pledging to work diligently for the development of the region and the party.

# Rakesh Mahajan holds Seva Pakhwada workshop in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today organised a Seva Pakhwada meeting and workshop at Udhampur under the chairmanship of Rakesh Mahajan, BJP J&K UT Vice President and In-charge Yuva Morcha.

The programme was aimed at mobilising party cadres for the upcoming Seva Pakhwada, which will be observed across the Union Territory from September 17 (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday) to October 2 (birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri).

Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Mahajan appreciated the efforts of the district team in preparing for Seva Pakhwada and called upon party cadres to work tirelessly for public welfare.

He said that the 15-day long campaign, beginning from September 17 and culminating on October 2, reflects the BJP's ideology of "Seva hi Sangathan" (service is organisation).

Mahajan highlighted that these dates hold great significance as they connect the vision of Prime Minister Modi with the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.



Rakesh Mahajan, BJP J&K UT Vice President and In-charge Yuva Morcha being felicitated.

The meeting began with a welcome address by District President Arun Gupta, who extended gratitude to the senior leaders for guiding the district unit. He stressed that Seva Pakhwada should be celebrated as a people-centric campaign, highlighting BJP's commitment to service, social responsibility, and outreach at the grassroots level.

District Prabhari Pramod Kapahi introduced the purpose of the workshop and explained the concept of Seva Pakhwada, urging all party workers to ensure maximum participation in activities like cleanliness drives, medical camps, awareness programmes, and welfare initiatives for the needy.

Addressing the gathering, DDC Member Narinder

Tiwari assured Rakesh Mahajan that all upcoming events under Seva Pakhwada in Udhampur district will be organised in a well-coordinated and disciplined manner, strictly following the guidelines laid down by the leadership.

He emphasised that each Mandal unit will play an active role to make the campaign a success.

The workshop was attended by DDC Chairman Lal Chand Bhagat, District General Secretaries, district office bearers, DDC members, Mandal presidents, and their teams.

The leaders resolved to carry forward the spirit of service and strengthen the party's connect with the people through meaningful initiatives during Seva Pakhwada.

# Rs 3.79 Cr relief disbursed in Rajouri post heavy rainfall

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RAJOURI: In the aftermath of the damages induced by heavy rainfall across the district, the District Administration Rajouri, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, has ensured timely relief to the affected families.

So far, an amount of Rs 3.79 crore has been disbursed to provide immediate support to the affected populace.

All damage assessment cases have already been scrutinized and the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has committed to disburse

100% relief within the next three days.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated that the administration is working with full dedication to ensure that no affected family is left unattended and that timely assistance reaches every household in need.

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