

Noted think tank identifies areas of transition for developmental goals

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JAMMU, Nov 29: "Because of developmental challenges and historic anomalies, India has to sail in against the tide of history while drawing framework for the big picture aiming at governance transition in public interest."

This was stated by Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta, noted think tank, president and Chief Executive of the Centre for

to ensure India's march towards good governance. He also stressed upon the need for regulation reforms and fiscal decentralization in India.

Maintaining that governance transition has to be appropriately managed to serve in public interest, Dr Mehta identified three specified areas, which require transition for quality governance. These include, transition from crony capitalism to well regulated capitalism,

suffered decline and therefore, the demand for good governance is being repeatedly voiced because of the endemic inefficiency, malfunctioning, corruption, lack of accountability and transparency and other failures in the functioning of the administrative systems," he said.

Mr Vohra stressed that for achieving balanced growth and development, it was urgently necessary to ensure the effective delivery of good governance.



Governor N N Vohra, Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta and others releasing a newsletter of IIPA, J&K Chapter on Saturday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

Policy Research, New Delhi, while delivering a talk on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Lecture on "Governance in Transition", organized by J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), here today.

While elaborating, he informed that even if India continues on its current growth rate and growth rate of China slows down marginally, the per capita income in the respective countries will remain 1:10.

Highlighting the factors which need to be focused upon for achieving developmental goals, Dr Mehta emphasized the need for removing the existing paralysis and plutocracy in the political systems of the country

dialect of centralization and decentralization and transition from populism to social democracy, he said and explained all the points one by one.

Dr Mehta, who is a former member of National Security Council, said that welfare state does not mean a burden on economy but investment in growth, which is necessary for achieving larger goals.

In his concluding remark, Governor N N Vohra said that the quality of governance decides the destinies of nations, societies and individuals.

"In simple terms, the Constitution of India provides the framework and goals of governance. However, in actual practice, in the years past, the institutions of governance have

On the occasion, Governor launched the website of IIPA Regional Branch while a newsletter of the IIPA J&K chapter was also released.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch, presented the welcome address and threw light on topic of the lecture.

Er J B S Johar, Hony Secretary, IIPA presented a formal vote of thanks while Prof Alka Sharma conducted proceedings of the event.

Usha Vohra, First Lady of the State, Jammu University Vice-Chancellor Prof R D Sharma, DGP K Rajendra, Chief Vigilance Commissioner Kuldeep Khoda and a number of senior officers and prominent citizens attended the lecture.

NPP's massive show of strength in Ramnagar Harshdev pledges to carry forward agenda of development

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 29: National Panthers Party (NPP) three times MLA from Ramnagar Harshdev Singh, former Minister today

Addressing an unprecedented rally in Ramnagar, Harshdev Singh declared that thousands and thousands of people, who have come to listen him, were enough to prove that people of

(both new and their upgradation), electricity supply, transport facilities and whatever was required by Ramnagar constituency.

"Such was the development carried out in Ramnagar constituency that it has become symbol of development in entire Jammu and Kashmir. Many MLAs seek vote in their constituencies citing example that they too will make their constituencies like Ramnagar," he said, adding that he has always received love and affection from the people of Ramnagar constituency and hoped that the people would once again repose their faith in him and make him victorious with thumping margin.

Harshdev said he would further strengthen the developmental works done by him in past 18 years and take new projects in hands for overall development and betterment of the people of Ramnagar constituency.

During the rally, speakers after speakers vowed to make Harshdev Singh successfully for their expectations fully.

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Bhim terms ongoing elections battle of Mahabharat

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RAMNAGAR, Nov 29: Prof Bhim Singh, chief patron of J&K National Panthers Party (JKNPP) today declared that this election is going to be a battle of Mahabharata where the Panthers like Pandavas are in minority and Kaurvas (Rulers) are holding power, wealth and authority.

He declared his mission Haqva-Insaf accomplished when he can see thousands and thousands of Panthers activists led by Harshdev Singh in front of him ready to participate in this Mahabharata, the battle for justice and equity.

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NPP leader Harshdev Singh at a mammoth public rally in Ramnagar on Saturday.

held a massive rally in Ramnagar town and declared that the development works carried out by him in the Assembly constituency have become an example in the entire State and he would carry forward the process in next six years of his term after being elected in December 2 elections.

Enviably development registered in each sector: Bima

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JAMMU, Nov 29: MLA and contesting candidate from Jammu East, Bima Luthra, today said that enviably development has been registered in each sector in the State during last six years.

Interacting with the people while conducting door to door campaign at Ward No 2, Ward No 3 and Ward No 5 of the constituency, Bima gave an overview of the achievements of the Omar led Government during the past six years, which she said has transformed the State in a big way.

She said enviably development has been registered in each sector during last six years which raises hopes about Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh touching new heights of progress in the coming years.

The MLA also asked the NC workers to reach every individual of the constituency and apprise them of the achievements of Omar led State Government in last six years.



Former Minister and Congress candidate Babu Singh (Kathua), BJP leader Rajesh Gupta (Jammu East) and Naresh Sharma, Independent (Kathua) before and during filing their nomination papers on Saturday. -Excelsior pics by Rakesh and Madan Magotra

Successive Govts plundered Central funds: Raj Babbar

Mir Iqbal

SRINAGAR, Nov 29: Bollywood actor and Congress leader, Raj Babbar today said that the successive regimes in Jammu and Kashmir plundered the Central funds.

Babbar said that funds coming from New Delhi did not reach to the people of the State. "I have been saying this since 1982 that Central Government funds meant for development of the State are not

Babbar said: "I don't want to talk on this. I have been listening this since 1982 that there are seven dynasties in J&K. These things do happen in politics."

The Congress leader admitted that anti-incumbency factor led the Congress defeat in the Parliamentary polls that had ruled for 10 years. "These phases come and go. We should not feel distressed as we had faced such situations in 1977 and 1986," he said.



Senior Congress leader and veteran Bollywood actor Raj Babbar along with PCC chief Saif-ud-Din Soz addressing a press conference in Srinagar on Saturday. -Excelsior/Amin War

reaching to the people," he told press conference here.

The Congress leader said: "Leave aside politics, I sincerely said it by the core of my heart that people feel deprived of their rights as funds are not reaching to them, adding this is the reason that people here feel that they have not been given their due."

However, he said the Congress party under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi intended that people should get their rights. "When UPA Government was at the Centre we started a policy that money should directly reach to the people (Aap Ka Paisa Aap Ke Haath)," he said.

The Congress leader alleged that BJP's policy was to suppress the voices of the people of J&K. He said the Congress party considers J&K as crown of the country.

There is need to understand the feeling of the people to mitigate their sufferings. We meet youth and may not fulfill all their demands but we want to see them happy," he said.

The Congress leader asserted that Congress would emerge as a single largest party in the State in the assembly polls.

Replying to a question that BJP has been accusing that only two families were ruling the State,

The J&KPPC president, Saifuddin Soz, on the occasion didn't endorse the views of his party colleague saying "it was not fair to blame the entire Government for usurping central funds".

"It is unacceptable that all funds are not reaching to the people. We are not happy with the State Government but Prime Minister has been only resorting to propaganda. I am not happy with this outgoing Government because governance was one of the poorest for various reasons," Soz said.

The JKPC chief said there cannot be a Uniform Civil Code in the country and the Prime Minister should "understand" the mood of a democracy.

Soz said the Congress party had existence in all three regions of the State. "We are sure of winning four Assembly seats of Ladakh region and Bandipora and Gurez constituency. First phase of elections has gone in favour of the Congress party," the state Congress chief said.

The Congress president claimed that Narendra Modi was alone running the Government with the support of RSS. "Those who compare Modi with Vajpayee are wrong and BJP is contesting elections on the communal lines," he added.



Winner of Godrej Interio scheme with company official.

KK Pangotra wins 100% Discount Coupon of Godrej Interio

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 29: In the Festive Diwali 2014 scheme of 'Godrej Interio' where customers could win a chance to get their furniture free after scratching scheme coupons which were in denominations of 100%, 50%, 25% and assured 5%, KK Pangotra is proud winner of 100% discount through his scratch coupon and took away his sofa set worth Rs 57712 for free.

Among other winners Ajay Jamwal, Neelum Kundan and Praveen Singh have each won 50% discount while Saddam Choudhary, Vishal Sharma, Ramandeep Kour and Rakesh Kumar have each been lucky winning 25% through their scratch coupons.

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manufacturing the humble Storvel cupboard 80 years back to being a vibrant, innovative brand with a diverse portfolio - it's been a brilliant, exciting journey for the company.

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Godrej Interio presently operates its Jammu territory through its WD Naarang Furniture Corporation, Gangyal, Jammu.

Thousands join rally to extend support Gupta vows to make Udhampur a model constituency

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 29: Formidable Independent candidate from Udhampur constituency, Pawan Kumar Gupta today declared that he will make Udhampur Assembly constituency a model segment if elected as MLA by the people and said the people of the entire segment would have no complaint as his doors would always be open for them round-the-clock.

Addressing a huge public gathering at Subhash Stadium in the heart of Udhampur town, Gupta vowed that Udhampur constituency, which has been neglected for the last 12 years will be made a model segment and will not face any problem in future as he would take care of all their development works and other problems.

Gupta said various development projects would be undertaken in Udhampur town and rural areas to make it a model constituency and model segment and for the purpose, he said, he need vote and support of the people.

Lauding the support extended to him by the people of entire constituency, Gupta said he will fully come up to their expectations in redressing their grievances and making the constituency for 12 years.

Notorious criminal nabbed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 29: Satwari police today arrested a notorious criminal, who was wanted by various police stations regarding different criminal cases.

As per police sources, on specific inputs, police team from Satwari police station conducted a raid and arrested a notorious criminal, who was evading his arrested for the past sometime.

The accused has been identified as Pawan Kumar alias Deepu, son of Ashok Kumar, a resident of ward number 2, Bhour Camp.

The criminal was wanted in 4 theft cases, 2 snatching and 2 assault cases registered with different Gandhi Nagar, Bahu Fort, Samba and Satwari police stations.

The accused was also wanted in attempt to murder case, registered with RS Pura police station under FIR No 173/14 under Section 307 RPC.

Police team led by SHO Satwari police station Inspector Kulbir Singh Choudhary and Incharge police post Chatha SI Vijay Thakur made the arrest under the supervision of SDPO Gandhi Nagar Harjeet Singh, SP South Rahul Malik and SSP Jammu Uttam Chand.

DB's directive to CS, Secy Technical Edu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 29: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Dr Hari Dutt Shishu seeking the quashment of circular dated August 14, 2014 issued by Secretary J&K State Board of Technical Education whereby provisional selection list of the candidates for admission in three years diploma courses against left over seats was issued, Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice M M Kumar and Justice Tashi Rabstan granted two weeks time to Chief Secretary and Secretary, Technical Education Department for filing objections.

"This selection process runs parallel and simultaneous to the selection process already initiated by BOPEE through entrance examination", Advocate Rajinder Jamwal appearing for the petitioner said, adding "BOPEE is the only authorized competent authority to conduct entrance and select the candidates for the professional courses".

stituency the most developed in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Have faith in me. I will not let you down. You will see the change in Udhampur constituency within the days of my election," Gupta declared amidst

He said the quality of life in Udhampur will be changed radically if he is elected. He asked people to support him for a better tomorrow.

Gupta also asked the people to refer to his website



Independent candidate Pawan Gupta addressing a mammoth rally at Udhampur on Saturday. -Excelsior/Vasu

thunderous applause from cheering crowd of thousands of people, drawn from various parts of Udhampur constituency, who vowed to make Gupta their next MLA. The people had started pouring in at Subhash stadium right from the morning and waited for several hours to listen to their beloved leader. The people vowed to teach the NPP a lesson for neglect of the constituency for 12 years.

Gupta promised regular power and water supply vis-à-vis concrete roads in each and every village of the constituency. He appealed to the people to vote in his favour for the developed and prosperity of the constituency.

Gupta assured upliftment of the sports facilities, and best medicare facilities with new equipments and machinery in hospitals.

www.pawankumargupta.com for details about the works to be done by him after being elected as public representative in the assembly elections.

Some of the prominent persons, who also spoke on the occasion appealed to the people to vote in favour of Pawan Kumar Gupta in the Assembly elections as he is honest and dedicated towards his commitments.

Earlier, a road show was organized, which started from the residence of Pawan Gupta and culminated at Subhash Stadium.

Thousands of people participated in the road show and raised slogans in favour of Mr Gupta.

Majority of BJP leaders in Udhampur, office bearers, Sarpanchs and Panchs declared their open support to Gupta.



NC candidate Devender Singh Rana addressing election rally.

Politics can wait but not development, says Rana

Excelsior Correspondent

NAGROTA, Nov 29: Saying that politics can wait but not the development, Provincial President National Conference Mr Devender Singh Rana today reiterated that a multi-pronged strategy would be devised for integrated and holistic development of Nagrota as a model township in the vicinity of the capital city of Jammu.

"Single sector programmes may not be sufficient for achieving the objective", he said while addressing election meetings at Battalehad, Kathar and Bantabal, adding that the challenge calls for multi-pronged approach for roads, buildings, health, education, rural development sectors.

"The development plank of Nagrota will be a blend of rural and urban development with focus on creating a hub for commercial and residential activity. The focus has to be creating a township on modern lines that will be rage of the busiest city of Jammu-the most sought after destination of the pilgrim, adventure and traditional tourism, as Nagrota is almost nerve centre of the holy township of Katra, scenic Kashmir and moonland of Ladakh.

Mr Rana wondered as to why the potential of Nagrota could not be harnessed over the years, especially in view of fast expanding city. While enumerating several reasons for delay, he said the time has come when the local opinion leaders will have to take a conscious decision of taking forward the mission of converting the area as Nava Jammu.

"People won't find me dithering in this resolve", he pledged and detailed the measures required for achieving the objective. He said the task is gigantic but expressed opti-

mism of realising it at the strength of firm will and determination of the people.

Mr Rana, who is contesting from the constituency as National Conference candidate, said the people were clear about the mission they have chalked out for themselves and the day is not far when the vision will be translated into reality.

The Provincial President exhorted the people to remain steadfast in their approach and not allow the elements inimical to development and progress of Nagrota create obstacles by playing politics. "Politics can always wait but not the development", he said adding that we owe to the coming generations a life with facilities as a matter of right. He said development can't be replaced by emotive slogans which may satiate the whims of some but jeopardise the legitimate urges of majority who want to lead comfortable life.

Mr Rana said he has endeavoured over the years to fulfil the developmental needs of the area and people were best judges to adjudge the performance on ground. "At the strength of our efforts and the initiatives taken by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, we are certainly optimistic about retaining the trust of the people", he maintained.

On the occasion, local BJP workers including Shiv Ram, Isher Dass, Darshan Kumar, Krishan Lal, Som Raj, Capt Mohan Lal, Ram Sharma, Gian Chand, Baldev Singh, Rajinder Singh, Parkash Chand joined National Conference. The Provincial President welcomed them in the party fold and expressed the hope that this will further strengthen the mass movement at the grass roots level.