



BJP leaders during a Kisan Samelan at Jammu on Sunday.

Farmers empowerment priority of Modi Government: Sat, Vibodh

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JAMMU, Apr 9: Under the ongoing Samajik Nyay Saptah, district Jammu Kisan Morcha president, Raman Sharma and newly nominated Mandal president, Kisan Morcha, Arun Sharma organised Kisan Samelan in which former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu, West, Sat Sharma (CA) along with BJP JKUT general secretary, Vibodh Gupta, district president, Jammu, Pramod Kapahi and Mandal president, Talab Tillo, Keshav Chopra were the main speakers.

Addressing the Samelan, Sat Sharma said that farmer empowerment is a priority for the Modi Government. He stated that they would make sure that the farmers do not suffer for any issue. "Growth of the nation is deeply connected to the well-being of the farmers and the productivity of farming. A multi-pronged approach is thus being ushered in to boost farmer welfare and enhance agricultural productivity at every stage. Farmer empowerment is a priority for the Modi Government that intends to push our nation to greater heights," said Sat Sharma.

Vibodh Gupta said that "The Modi Government has focused on doubling farmers' income, securing them and

their endeavours, making them tech savvy, boosting agriculture research and education, and building farm-related infrastructure are some of the major goals set and being worked upon for the farmers' welfare", said Vibodh Gupta. He also highlighted the major schemes for the welfare of farmers launched during the Modi Government and said that BJP is always concerned about the well-being of the farmers.

Pramod Kapahi and Keshav Chopra said that only BJP is concerned about the wellbeing of the farmers whereas parties like Congress who were at the helms of the country for decades never did anything for their welfare and could not even change their lifestyle whereas Modi Government has always promoted the farmers in many ways, they added.

After the Samelan, crop damage situation was also reviewed by the leaders and they asked the administration to compensate the farmers as soon as possible in order to avoid any sort of distress to them.

Ex Sarpanch, Raj Kumar, Ganesh Sharma, Bhushan Sharma, Bhushan Lal, Darshan Verma, Pawan Choudhary, Chaman Lal, Garu Ram, Madan Lal, Arjun, Karan Kumar, Abhay Kumar and others were also present.

Dogri song 'Tukar Tukar Kaisi Dikhana' released

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JAMMU, Apr 9: Padam Shri Balwant Thakur along with chairman of Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal today released Dogri Song 'Tukar Tukar Kaisi Dikhana', produced by Shiv Ishwar Productions, during a soulful event organized at Press Club, Jammu.

This was the second launch within two months by Savita Blouria, head of Shiv Ishwar



Balwant Thakur, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and other dignitaries during the launch of a Dogri song at Jammu on Sunday.

Productions, as earlier it came with successful Bhaderwahi Bhajan 'Vasuki Nag Keri Mahima Shuna' too hit the stands. The song has been written by Dalip Singh Blouria, retired Deputy SP and jointly sung by legendary singer Jeevan Sharma and budding singer Vanshika Jaral with popular music director Ravi Sharma and edited by Shashi Thakur.

Legendary singer Anita Sharma, retired Deputy SP and known artist Kamal Sharma and Thakur Divvijay Singh Jamwal were the special guests

open its door to the world of music industry besides film industry and ensure its presence felt here in a big way. He said that there is dire need to provide a platform to budding singers to further harness their talent.

Renowned music director Brij Mohan, singer Suresh Chauhan, president of Old Wine Shop Owners' Association, Charanjit Singh, Arvind Kotwal were among other prominent persons present on the occasion. The event was compered by known academician Bindiya Sambaly.

House gutted in Mandi area

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POONCH, Apr 9: A double-storey residential house was badly damaged in a fire incident in Barari Chool area of Mandi in Poonch district.

Official sources said that at

extinguishing fire. The sleuths from Fire and Emergency Services also reached and joined operation starts, but fire had already engulfed and damaged a major portion of the house. Mani house hold items and other goods kept inside



A house on fire in Mandi area of Poonch on Sunday. —Excelsior/Waseem

about 3 PM today, fire broke out in the house of Mohd Rafiq, son of Ahmeda at Barari Chool village in Gagrian area of Mandi tehsil. Immediately after the incident, locals of the area and jawans from nearby 40 RR unit rushed to the site and started

turned into ashes. SHO, Mandi Insp Mukhtiar Ali when contacted said that there was no loss of life during the incident, but the house was completely damaged. He said the cause of fire is being ascertained by police.

Parmar visits Rajouri, assesses development projects

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Apr 9: Principal Secretary, ARI and Training Department (District Prabhari), Ashok Parmar, today visited Rajouri district and took a comprehensive review of physical and financial progress on development projects and schemes being implemented in the district.

During a meeting held in this regard, Principal Secretary emphasized interdepartmental coordination as crucial towards resolving developmental bottlenecks besides ensuring timely completion of works.

Principal Secretary exhorted upon the officers to make dedicated efforts towards ensuring prompt and quality services to the general public. He stressed on the need for taking effective measures to redress the genuine grievances of the public in a time bound manner.

Principal Secretary appreciated the district administration and Jal Shakti Department for progress achieved under Jal Jeevan Mission. He asked the concerned officers to keep working with the same zeal for successful implementation of JJM in the district so that all the households of the district are provided with functional tapped water connections.

He asked the officers to edu-

cate the public about the welfare initiatives being implemented by the Government and ensure that maximum beneficiaries are covered under these schemes. He also directed them to personally visit all the works of their departments and regularly review progress for expeditious completion of works. He also stressed on judicious utilization of funds provided for execution of development projects.

DDC Chairman, Advocate Chowdhary Naseem Liyaqat, DDC members and BDC Chairpersons also highlighted a number of development issues concerning their respective areas.

The public representatives highlighted a number of issues and demands including speedy implementation of JJM projects, sanctioning of additional Anganwadi centres, dilapidated condition of roads and school buildings, replacement of worn out water pipes, construction of building for GDC Doongi, timely completion of work on office building of BDC Siot and related matters.

Earlier, District Development Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, briefed about the physical and financial progress achieved under various schemes and programs being implemented by different departments in the district through power point presentation during the meeting.



Senior Congress leader Satish Sharma addressing a religious gathering at Ward number 56, Gangyal.

450th birth anniversary of Guru Nabhdas Ji Maharaj celebrated

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: A religious congregation was organised here at Ward number 56, Gangyal, by Nabhdas Sabha to celebrate the 450th birth anniversary of Guru Nabhdas Ji Maharaj.

As per a statement, hundreds of devotees participated in the religious programme. Former Chairman of Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Satish Sharma, also attended the programme.

Addressing the religious gathering, Sharma said that today's generation should learn from the teachings and life of Guru Nabhdas Ji Maharaj, who dedicated his entire life for the upliftment of the society.

Satish Sharma, who also happens to be the Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, further said that there is an atmosphere of hatred and fear in

the country under the present dispensation.

He said the people sitting at the helm are using their power to further create a wedge between communities and castes.

"But, we should always remember that India is the land of the Gurus, who have taught us to unite people and rise above caste, religion and colour to serve humanity," he said.

Sharma said that when he was elected as a councillor or Ward Number 56, he got the 100-bedded Rajiv Gandhi Hospital constructed at the cost of Rs 70 crores. Sharma also counted his other achievements while addressing the gathering.

Others, who were present on the occasion included Arjun Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Sherry, Tara Chand, Bitta, Omi, Bobby, Anil Kumar, Rshpal Pala, Sonu Kumar, Rahul Kumar and others.

NC distributes sewing machines, says it always support poor & needy people

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: The Central Zone of J&K National Conference (JKNC) organized a programme at Zonal Office, Rehari wherein sewing machines were distributed among old aged women on the pious month of Ramadan.

Former Minister and Zonal President JKNC, Babu Ram Paul was chief guest on the occasion. The programme was organized by



NC leaders distributing sewing machines among women on Sunday.

Dr Vikas Sharma, Co-ordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC.

Speaking on the occasion, Babu Ram Paul said "National Conference is a party of masses and always works as a frontal political party to help eradicate poverty and support needy persons."

Referring to the sermons and advices of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Ram Paul reiterated that he taught to always support the helpless and poor people and continue going forward by maintaining brotherhood and harmonious relations with people irrespective of caste, creed or color.

He said, "We stand committed for secularism and social equality. The National Conference has a legacy of serving the poor and weaker sections of the society which was started by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah."

the condition of people has become miserable as there is none to take care of them in the absence of democratic Government in J&K.

Addressing the gathering, Zonal Secretary JKNC Dr Vikas Sharma said that the coming time definitely belongs to the National Conference and fervently appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. He reiterated the resolve of the National Conference to continue to be in between the masses to resolve their day to day issues and bring back peace, prosperity and welfare of the people of J&K.

Sham Lal Mehra, Zonal Vice-President, JKNC delivered the welcome address while Dr Gourav Bharat, Zonal Secretary JKNC, presented vote of thanks.

Others, who spoke on the occasion, included Arvind Singh Jamwal, Som Raj Taroch, S Nirmal Singh & Prem Kumar Verma.



DDC Chairman Jammu and others at the inaugural of WSS Chibba on Sunday.

Bodhi kick-starts construction of Chibba water supply scheme

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, DDC Chairman Jammu, today inaugurated construction work of Water Supply Scheme Chibba, worth Rs 7 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme which will cater to drinking water needs of nearly 3000 souls.

The project includes three water storage tanks, two filtration plants, two Sump tanks, laying of supply lines and other associated works. After completion of WSS Chibba, the people of villages Chibba, Shiva, Trishla, Kheri Nalla and Dadyal will be benefited.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan congratulated the people of the area for starting of this much-awaited project and expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for ongoing JJM to resolve perennial problems of drinking water. He said that time is not far when the dream of Har Ghar Nal Se Jal will be fulfilled in the area. He said that the Government in J&K has been able

to address the issues of people which they were confronting since ages only because of visionary insight of PM Narendra Modi as he took personal interest in finding out remedies to the problems which people faced in the region due to indifference of successive Governments that reigned the region in the past.

The DDC Chairman said that Modi Govt and UT Administration is fully committed to the well being and over all development of rural areas especially the remote and far flung areas in Jammu and Kashmir. He resolved not to rest till all the promises made by BJP during PRI elections get fulfilled. He exhorted upon the PRI representatives to be pro active in resolving the public problems with utmost sincerity and transparency.

Bharat Bhushan sought people's support in the upcoming polls in the Union Territory and asked them to install a double engine Government of BJP to ensure all round development with no room for any kind of prejudice or discrimination.

BJYM pays tribute to Kotwal, Chanderkant

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: J&K Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) paid tribute to its former president and veteran leader, Daya Krishan Kotwal and RSS leader, Chanderkant Sharma in a function held at party Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar today.

On the occasion, Former Minister and State general secretary, Sunil Sharma, State president BJYM, Arun Prabhath, and other senior leaders paid floral tributes to them.

Sunil Sharma, while paying tribute to the great souls, said that Kotwal Ji was equally respected by members of all communities in erstwhile Doda district. He said the contribution of the late leader will be always remembered. He also said that the RSS leader, Chanderkant Ji laid down his life following the path of his core val-

ues and added that we all must take lessons of patriotism from their lives.

Late Daya Krishan Kotwal led the State unit of BJP as its president from 1996 to 2002 and contributed a lot in strengthening the secular democratic fabrics of the erstwhile State. He was a humble person who was accessible to all and always fought for the cause of the downtrodden. RSS leader Chanderkant Sharma fought for more than three decades against Pakistani terrorism and his heavenly departure was a great loss to the nation and society. He fought like a soldier against cowardly Pakistanis in J&K.

Arun Prabhath, said that during their life time, these great men provided their priceless services to the nation and society with their selfless deeds and even today everyone of us are being guided by their noble and incessant services for the society.



Devotees during a Samagam organized by SNM at village Mandaal in Jammu.

SNM organizes grand Samagam at Mandaal

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: Branch Jammu of Sant Nirankari Mission (SNM) today organized a grand Samagam in open cricket ground at village Mandaal on outskirts of Jammu city.

Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge, Sant Nirankari Mandal Zone Jammu blessed a mammoth gathering of saints and people from all walks of life through his spiritual and ethical discourses. He said that every human being is supposed to be a religious being but first of all one must understand the basic purpose of religion or so called Dharma. He stated that religion helps in creating an ethical framework and also a regulator for values in a day to day life. This particular approach helps in character building of a person, he added.

Further emphasizing the characteristic of a true religion, Ajit Singh said a true religion always unites and never divides which is a well-practiced slogan of Sant Nirankari Mission. "As one human being in no way differs from the other one, since all humans are made of same five basic elements of matter and are being dwelled by the same divine element i.e. 'Atma' but due to ignorance of this very truth, man is distanced from the man and is devoid of qualities of being a religious one," he said.

"Only Satguru, the true Master with his divine knowledge of one God establishes universal brotherhood of mankind which is prerequisite of a true religion. This knowledge of one God i.e. Brahmgyan helps the seeker to see the 'One in All' and 'All in One' and thus all the barriers of caste, colour, creed and nationality are vanished and a universal harmony is established," asserted Ajit Singh.

Many renowned personalities of civil society of Mandaal and adjoining villages in large number were present on the occasion.

Gaddi Sabha celebrates Foundation Day

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Apr 9: 42nd Foundation Day of All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi Sabha was celebrated today with great pomp and show, here today.

A large number of Gaddi community people from all over India and UT of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the celebrations function, which began with paying floral tributes to the founder President Late Thakur Dass and Founder Vice President Late Devi Ram Chouhan.

Panchayat and District Development Council members namely Pinky Devi, DDC Latti-Marothi; DDC Narsoo, Subash Chander and more than 50 Sarpanches and Panches attended the function.

Famous singer from Himachal Pradesh, Sunil Rana along with team members presented the cultural items in Gaddi dialect depicting

the real life of the Gaddi people residing in remote corners of Himachal and J&K. Local singers namely Gorkh Nath, Subash Chander and others also participated.

On the occasion, dignitaries of All J&K Gaddi Sabha and prominent personalities of the Gaddi community were honoured for their achievements and their contribution to the community. The meritorious students from the community were also honoured.

Those who spoke on the occasion, included B K Charak, Kuldeep Kumar, Hans Raj, R D Charak, Rakesh Singh, Ashok Malkan, Jia Lal Sarpanch, Utam Sarpanch, Dr Venay, Gorkh Nath, Manhorlal, Kewal Kishore, Rattan Thukaan, Mohan Parkash, Dr Sanjay, Rami, Arun, Swarn Singh Lalhal, Arun Malkan, Sunny Tanhoru, Aman Sundal, Ajay Brahamnu and others.

Govt amends Procedural Guidelines to JK Industrial Policy 2021-30

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 9: The Government has amended the Procedural Guidelines to the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy, 2021-30 by adding two more clauses in the guidelines already approved and in place in J&K.

Concerning the changes, after clause 6.2, clause 6.3 has been added which is about the approval for any changes in Name and Style at the pre-registration stage, along with the revision of DPRs.

The newly added clause reads: "The concerned Director, Industries and Commerce Department on the recommendations of the Managing Director, J&K, SIDCO/SICOP shall be the approving authority for allowing any change in Name and Style at the pre-registration stage, subject to the following conditions in relation to revision of DPRs."

The sub-clause (i), of 6.3 which has been added by virtue of the changes made States that there is no upward/ downward revision of the allotted land and it shall remain a constant factor and "under no circumstances revision of DPR should lead to a requirement for allotment of additional land."

Another sub-clause is about the permissible changes in the DPR post allotment and not having an adverse effect on the merit of the allottee on the basis of which land allotment was made. "The change in DPR shall not

downgrade the criteria of merit as in point 2 above, or bring in any drop in the investment/kanal and employment/kanal based on which land was allotted," reads the amendments about the third sub-clause of 6.3.

Further, as per the changes, after clause 8.4, clause 8.5 will be added and deal with the approval for any changes in the line of activity or additional line of activity at the pre-registration stage to be granted by the Managing Director of J&K SIDCO/SICOP on the recommendation of the Director of Industries & Commerce Department, subject to specific conditions regarding the revision of DPRs.

Sub-clause-i states that there is no upward/downward revision of the allotted land and it shall remain a constant factor and under no circumstances revision of DPR should lead to a requirement for allotment of additional land.

"The merit on the basis of which land allotment was done shall not be affected adversely by the permissible change in the DPR post allotment. The change in DPR shall not downgrade the criteria of merit as in point 2 above, or bring in any drop in the investment/kanal and employment/kanal based on which land was allotted," reads the sub-clause ii and iii of clause 8.5 of the Procedural Guidelines to the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy, 2021-30.



BJP leaders during SC Morcha meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

Spread message of Modi Govt schemes: Langeh to workers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: J&K BJP SC Morcha president and former MLA, Neelam Langeh today exhorted the party workers to work relentlessly by remaining present among the people to address their issues thus further strengthening the party base.

The former MLA was speaking at a meeting of Morcha organized by its Muthi Paloura team under the chairmanship of Sarvjeet Bhagat. Langeh was chief guest while former Legislator and senior BJP leader, Shiv Dev Singh was the Guest of Honour. Among others present in the meeting included district president, Omi Khajuria, corporator, Mohinder Bhagat, district president SC Morcha, Manohar Lal and SC Morcha, State Parbhari, Jagdish Bhagat.

Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Langeh said that the BJP is like an army and all the Morchas are its wings thus the victory of the army depends upon the whole hearted support of the main commander.

Langeh said that SC Morcha is bound to uplift the marginalized sections of the society and for this, every activist of the Morcha has the moral duty to fulfil this responsibility with due care.

He said that the success of a

party in winning the hearts of people and decimating the opposition in polls solely depends on the strength of the party at booth level.

He categorically said that the onus of party's success lies with the ground level workers ability to connect with the masses and once this target is achieved and the people get the picture about BJP's public-friendly policies.

While speaking on the Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Langeh said that he was India's crusader for human rights and was known as the father of the Indian Constitution.

Speaking on the occasion, Shiv Dev Singh said that the BJP SC Morcha is committed to act as a beacon of light to guide the unprivileged sections to avail all the benefits of Centrally sponsored schemes and lead a life full of dignity and pride.

He also assured to work relentlessly as party's foot soldier and ensure that the policies and schemes launched by the Modi Government for the welfare of SC community are taken to the last person standing in line. Impressed by the policies of the Central Government led by Narendra Modi for the welfare of the SC community, a large number of youth joined the BJP SC Morcha in the presence of its president.

Govt airlifts serious injured in Bani to GMC Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Apr 9: LG administration today took immediate action to airlift an injured person by helicopter from hilly tehsil of Bani to GMC Jammu in serious condition to save a precious life.

The Bani tehsil is 200 km from Kathua and there is no arrangement of Air Ambulance in hilly areas of Kathua district.

"Ex MLA Bani, Jeevan Lal said that we have approached to district administration and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for airlifting of the injured".

The LG being airlifted to GMC Jammu for treatment on Sunday.

Commissioner Jammu for special medical aid. On the demand of the people the seriously injured person was shifted from Bani to Jammu Medical College. The efforts of Government were appreciated by local people.

The another injured is under treatment at Bani was identified as Anush Singh, son of Suraj Prakash age 18 years was admitted in SDH, Bani.

Check Post, Bani in which Mahinder Kumar, son of Mangat Ram aged 21 years and Anush Singh were seriously injured. The team of doctors led by BMO, Bani Dev Raj Misra put all efforts to give them better treatment.

But the condition of Mahinder Kumar did not improve. He needed special treatment at Jammu and local people appealed to Divisional



A seriously injured patient in Bani accident being airlifted to GMC Jammu for treatment on Sunday. —Excelsior/Pardeep

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