

## Public welfare schemes revolutionized lives of people under Modi: Andrabi

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 11: Senior BJP leader and Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today chaired the beneficiaries meet organized by Bhartiya Janata Party at Pulwama in South Kashmir.

BJP district president Pulwama Mohammad Lateef Bhat, Party incharge for Shopian Sajjad Ali



Dr Darakhshan Andrabi during a function in Pulwama.

Raina and DDC Member Avtar Singh also participated in the programme.

The programme was organized by the party in connection with completion of nine years of Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Beneficiaries of Government schemes from all the tehsils and blocks of the district participated in the convention.

In her address Dr Darakhshan

said that the public welfare Schemes of Modi-Govt have provided immense opportunities to the youth for creating employment for themselves & for others. "Public welfare schemes like Ujjwala

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Yojna, Aawas Yojna or the Ayushman Bharat have changed the lives of the marginalized people in the country. J&K has seen unprecedented social change after the implementation of all central Government schemes and programmes of Narendra Modi led Government", Andrabi said.

She further added that the visionary schemes like Jan Dhan, Digital India, Khelo India or Skill India, have transformed the lives of all sections throughout the country. These public welfare schemes have created possibilities of developments and opportunities for the people in all sectors. After the interaction with the beneficiaries, Andrabi spoke to media and said that she was thrilled to listen to the success stories of the youth.

## Nine years of Modi's rule has been splendid: Sood

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REASI, June 11: Jammu and Kashmir BJP Seh Prabhari Ashish Sood said that nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule has been splendid which took care of every region and every section in all matters and at all levels.

Ashish Sood was addressing a meeting of senior activists of the Party in Reasi district. He also shared a number of development projects and welfare schemes launched by the Narendra Modi Government during the past nine years.

Sood addresses BJP veteran leaders and met prominent citizens at Reasi. He was accompanied by J&K BJP secretary and Prabhari Arvind Gupta, district president Rohit Dubey, former Minister Ajay Nanda, former MLA Baldev Sharma and former district president Kuldeep Dubey.

While addressing the meeting of senior activists, Sood said that the BJP has the distinction of being a party with committed cadre. "The activists who are today veterans were youth of the

party in initial years and nurtured the organization with their hard work. The youth of the Party at present is following the footsteps of seniors and contributing in strengthening it," he added.

Bawa Sharma (additional protocol secretary), senior leader Kabla Singh, Chaman Bhagat, Sudesh Puri, Chairman Reasi Municipal Committee Rajinder Mengi, Abdul Rashid, VDC Chairman and Mandal president were prominent among those who attended the meeting.

During his visit to Reasi, Sood also paid visit to the residences of Ramesh (Retired Manager NHPC), Aghar Ballian, Kuldeep Singh (Ex district president) and Sudesh Kumar Pandora. He interacted with these prominent citizens and shared the pro people, pro nation programs and policies of the Modi Government.

During his visit to the residence of martyr Kamal Kishore, Sood applauded the services of the brave soldier and assured his family that the Party always stands with them.



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal inspecting progress on PMGSY road.

## DC Rajouri inspects progress on Nagrota to Thathi Badoon PMGSY Road

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, June 11: The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) road Nagrota to Thathi Badoon. The road, which is estimated to cost Rs 4.7 crores and have a length of 9 kilometers, is being constructed under the PMGSY scheme.

During the inspection, the Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri informed that the work of blacktopping on the road has been completed while berm and drain clearance work is in progress. The road once completed would benefit near about three thousand souls. The DC asked the concerned authorities to ensure timely completion of remaining work on the project.

The Deputy Commissioner also called for continued cooperation and coordination to ensure that the road is completed in scheduled time and to the

satisfaction of all stakeholders. He also stressed the importance of maintaining the quality of the road and ensuring that it meets the required standards set under the PMGSY guidelines.

The PMGSY road in Nagrota to Thathi Badoon is expected to provide better connectivity to the residents of the area and improve access to essential services. Once completed, it will help a lot to boost economic activity in the region.

Overall, the PMGSY road in Nagrota to Thathi Badoon is expected to have a significant impact on the lives of the people living there. The PMGSY scheme has been instrumental in improving rural connectivity and bringing about socio-economic development in rural areas across the country.

Officers who accompanied the DC during his visit were Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri; Shahid Mustafa; Assistant Executive Engineer PMGSY, Mohd Qasim and JEE, Zaffar Ul Haq.

## Five vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 11: Jammu Police has seized five vehicles involved in illegal mining from different parts of the district.

According to a police spokesman, one tractor-trolley bearing chassis number XBB650047021 and one JCB bearing registration number JK21A-8964 was seized by Police Station Bishnah.

He said a JCB without registration number was seized by Police Station Miran while a tractor trolley bearing engine number NKM2UDE0270 was seized by Police Station RS Pura and one tractor-trolley bearing chassis number MBNBU53APCA50179 was seized by Border Police Post Chakroi.

The DMO Jammu was also intimidated about the same, the spokesman added.

## BJP confident of winning elections in J&K: Koul

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 11: The general secretary (org) of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu and Kashmir, Ashok Koul, expressed optimism today that the party would win both the local Assembly elections and the general elections in 2024 while dismissing attempts by the opposition to form alliances that would harm their performance.

Addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters in Srinagar, Koul emphasized the broad support that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has both in Jammu and Kashmir and throughout the rest of India. "The alliance of these little parties would not be able to upset the BJP because Prime Minister Modi is well-liked in India," he said. He added that the BJP is prepared for the upcoming elections and is committed to taking power in 2024.

Koul vehemently denied assertions made by local political groups that the BJP is against local elections because it is fearful of the populace. "This is not at all the case. The BJP has been fully involved and working nonstop on the ground. We are fully committed to holding the elections in Jammu and Kashmir, regardless of the challenges," he said.

Koul alleged that the National Conference and some other have agreements to foster disturbance in the area, which is why the people of Jammu and Kashmir have endured suffering over the years. He emphasized the bold actions the BJP has taken to quell this turmoil.

He also emphasized the BJP's commitment to development and outlined the party's accomplishments in Jammu and Kashmir, including the expansion of prominent educational institutions like AIIMS, IIT, and IIM as well as the founding of medical schools. He

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also cited the start of smart city projects in the Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

Koul said that it is yet unclear which alliances will be established in Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country when it comes to the establishment of alliances. He emphasized that the circumstances facing the Congress party have not changed and that their recent triumph in the Karnataka elections does not ensure future success.

"We are not concerned about the opposition parties' meeting. As we seek public support, we encourage them to continue working since they have the right to do so in a democracy," he said.



DDC Chairman Samba distributing prizes among students during a function on Sunday.

## CBC J&K organizes ICOP on 9 yrs of Modi Govt at Samba

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 11: Launching its first multi-media exhibition on the nine years of Government, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, today organized its 1st Integrated Communication & Outreach Program (ICOP) on nine years of Modi Government at Kehli Mandi Ground, Samba.

The ICOP was jointly inaugurated by DDC Chairman Samba, Keshav Dutt Sharma and Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma in presence of Joint Director CBC, UT of J&K and Ladakh, Ghulam Abbas and Deputy Director CBC, UT of J&K and Ladakh, Ayushi Puri.

While welcoming the guests, Joint Director CBC, Ghulam Abbas said, under the present government, the benefits of all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are reaching the last man in the queue, even the remotest corners of India have been brought into the mainstream. Abbas also encouraged the participants to spread awareness about the ICOP and motivate other people to visit the exhibition.

DDC Chairman termed these 9 years of government as a torch bearer to make India a self reliant country under the guidance of PM Modi. Sharma further said, India has played a great role globally

being the Vishwa Guru in the fight against Covid-19 by exporting Covid vaccines to the developed and developing countries.

Deputy Commissioner Samba appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communication for organizing such an event on the large scale in district Samba for mass awareness of general public vis-à-vis various achievements of the government in the last nine years.

DDC Chairman later distributed prizes among students who participated in drawing competition held as part of the pre-publicity of the event. Resource persons from various line departments highlighted the schemes under flagship programs while as departmental troops of CBC Jammu & PRTs presented theme based cultural items.

The programme included a multimedia exhibition on 9 years of Governance. The exhibition will continue till June 14. Various panels were mounted on different welfare schemes initiated by the Central Government to eradicate poverty from the country. Stalls were also put up by various departments. On the spot services were provided by these departments by enrolling beneficiaries online.

The programme was attended by Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Samba who visited all the departmental stalls, game zone, VR shows etc.



Ex-servicemen staging protest near Hari Singh Park in Jammu on Sunday.

## Ex-servicemen protest for removing disparity in OROP-II

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 11: Ex-servicemen held a protest demonstration against anomalies in OROP-II near Hari Singh Park, here today.

Scores of ex-servicemen under the aegis of 'Fights for Rights Group, RS Pura' assembled outside Hari Singh Park this morning and started raising slogans in support of their demands. Carrying banners and placards

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in their hands, the protesting ex-servicemen said that there are too many anomalies in OROP-II and despite highlighting these, Government is unmoved. "Our ex-servicemen brethren have been sitting at Jantar Mantar for more than 100 days demanding removal in anomalies of OROP-II but nobody from the Government is

ready to listen to them," they added.

"We are demanding implementation of equal military service pay (MSP) to all ranks, equal disability pension, equal pension for liberalized pensioners, equal pension for reservist and increase in widow family pension," the protesting ex-servicemen said while alleging that widows of Jawans are getting only Rs 16000 per month pension whereas officers' widows are getting pension in lakhs.

They said our Jawans get Rs 15000 per month as disability pension whereas officers are getting disability pension in lakhs. Stating that Reservists get only Rs 9000 as pension, they demanded major increase in their pension.

The protesting ex-servicemen said if their demands are not fulfilled soon, they will launch a massive protest rally to awake the Government from slumber.



CNO Nishtha Tiwari chairing a meeting.

## Geo-tag all water bodies: Central Nodal Officer to Ramban Admn

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, June 11: Director (Law & Order), Internal Security-I Division, Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyaan (JSA), Catch The Rain (CTR), Nishtha Tiwari, along with Scientist Central Ground Water, Chandreyee De, who are on three day visit to Ramban district, convened a meeting with senior officers of district administration here.

She had a detailed assessment of various crucial aspects of JSA including status of its implementation in the district. She also reviewed the financial and physical progress achieved, so far, in the district under the programme. She appreciated the efforts of district administration and other stakeholders in effectively implementing the Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the district.

Nishtha Tiwari asked the stakeholders to understand the need for water conservation, its judicious use, protection of water sources and rain water harvesting to make safe and sufficient water available for our future generations. She stressed on coordination of stakeholders with defined SOPs and nodal point (Single point of contact) which is crucial for thorough implementation of Water Conservation Plan and protection of environment.

She asked for geo-tagging of all water bodies and Amrit Sarovars in the district. She also asked the officers for disseminating success stories of water conservation from the district showcasing utilisation of rain water and kitchen water for agriculture, kitchen gardening, and other purposes.

Recognizing huge potential of Anar Dana in the district, she asked the Forest Department to take up afforestation with this product which can serve dual purpose of soil and water conservation besides facilitating economic growth of the nearby people.

District Development Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, presented a detailed report on steps being taken up by the district administration to harvest the rain water and recharge ground water in the district in order to come out of the present status of water stressed district. He informed that Jal Shakti Kendra is functioning from DC office Complex and water conservation plan is operational in the district.

Among others the meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic Circle Doda, CPO, ACR Ramban, CAD, CAO, CHO, CAHO, CMO, DFOs, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and concerned district officers.

## Erratic water, power supply chronic problems in Mendhar: Bhalla

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, June 11: JKPC working president Raman Bhalla today alleged that erratic water and power supply are chronic problems in Mendhar Sub Division.

Bhalla visited Naka Manjari village of Block Balakote, District Poonch as a part of his mass contact programme to listen to public grievances. Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said border district of Poonch during last nine years has remained worst example of neglect in terms of basic amenities as the people of this area are facing multiple chronic problems. He said Govt has done

nothing to improve the facilities for the general public and there is much more to do not only to meet the aspirations of the people but remove those basic chronic problems which the public is facing. He said there was no change at all as far as the water, power supply and the road conditions are concerned. Moreover, health condition in most of the hospitals and educational institutions is also not good. Worst is the condition of most of the lanes and roads in the area and no repair or maintenance work is witnessed here. Many localities are facing acute water shortage while unscheduled and long power curtailment has made life of the people hell. While referring to the mis-



PCC working president Raman Bhalla interacting with party functionaries at Mendhar in Poonch.

management of the area, he revealed that drinking water is the major problem which the public is facing. Pipes are broken and not repaired while leakage in PHE pipes is hardly plugged by the field staff. Worst is the condition of power supply and transformers if damaged, are not replaced for weeks together. People are forced to fetch drinking water through private tankers after paying money from their own pockets. People are not provided adequate supply of ration while road condition is also worst. No medicines are available in local Health Centre, he added.

Appealing to people not to

get swayed by "false propaganda" of the BJP and stand against the "divisive, wrong and anti-people policies" of the BJP, Bhalla assured that his party would continue to work for the well-being of the people, despite the "concocted and false propaganda" unleashed by the BJP against it.

He said the power and water supply continues to be erratic while the roads are pock marked by ditches. The accountability seems to be the last priority which is disgusting, he added.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Ex-Sarpanch Mohd Shafi Jagal, Mohd Akram, Shoket Hussain, Lal Mohammad, Mutraj Ali, Lamardar Mohd Nazir beside others.

## Simran from Rajouri only girl in J&K to crack UPSC CAPF exam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 11: Simran Bala, hailing from the border town of Nowshera in district Rajouri



become the first girl in the Jammu and Kashmir this year to crack Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Examination. She has secured an All India Rank of 82, among 151 candidates, who qualified for UPSC CAPF this year.

"I am the only girl from Jammu and Kashmir to crack the examination this year. I feel very proud and grateful. Being from the border area of Jammu and Kashmir, I have seen cross-border firing in my area and this has motivated me to join the CAPF so

that I can serve in the border area as well," Simran said.

"My dream has been fulfilled. I have been appointed as an Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces. I will fulfill my duty with full zeal. My family and my neighbours have proud on my success," she added.

While speaking about her journey, Simran said, "I studied till Class 10th here in Nowshera

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and after this I went to Jammu for my higher education. I completed my Graduation from Govt College for Women Gandhinagar, Jammu. I was in my last semester when I started preparing for this exam and cleared it by God's grace in the first attempt."

"My parents, teachers and some more people supported me. Hard work, perseverance and consistency helped me in my approach towards this exam," she added.

## New Delhi holds key to solution of public issues in J&K: Bukhari

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 11: Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari today said that Jammu and Kashmir is destined to remain a part of India and New Delhi holds the key and capacity to resolve the problems and challenges the J&K is facing, especially post August 5, 2019.

Bukhari made these comments while addressing a massive party convention at Reshagri in south Kashmir's Shopian district today. Besides Bukhari, the party stalwarts Ghulam Hassan Mir, Zaffar Iqbal Manhas, Abdul Majeed Padder and others also addressed.

Addressing convention Bukhari claimed that Apni Party would ensure ideal solutions to the

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issues that farmers and orchardists in J&K are facing. "Given my personal experience in the farming and orchard cultivation business, I understand your problems better than anyone else. I am also aware that fruit growers in this region are facing a scarcity of adequate cold storage facilities," he said.

Demanding an inquiry into the reason behind the violation of norms regarding the provision of cold storage facilities in Shopian, he said, "The previous governments allotted and allowed establishment of Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage to benefit certain individuals with political connections. And now, these CA storage owners are exploiting the vulnerable growers by imposing unfair conditions on them. Apni party demands an inquiry to uncover the

criteria followed for these allocations and to understand why disadvantaged orchardists are being subjected to unjust treatment," he added.

"I give you assurance that we will bring about a positive transformation in our agriculture and horticulture sectors, aligning them with the necessary requirements and demands and elevating their standards," Bukhari claimed.

"Once our party is elected, we will officially designate Horticulture as an Industry. We will be establishing 'Apple Villages' in Shopian and other suitable locations to harness and nurture the natural potential in the horticulture sector," he added.

Bukhari urged people not to fall prey to the emotional slogans or unattainable goals that are used by the traditional political parties and their leaders solely for their own political gains.

He promised that Apni Party will ensure the solutions to J&K's problems, but New Delhi hold the key for the viable solutions.

Ghulam Hassan Mir emphasised that Jammu and Kashmir requires sustained peace for its enduring prosperity and development. He said unfortunately, the traditional political parties have consistently engaged our younger generations with deceptive slogans like 'Rai Shumari', 'Autonomy', 'Self-rule', and similar rhetoric for several decades. As a result, we lost sight of crucial matters such as employment opportunities, well-being, prosperity, and overall development. Today, Jammu and Kashmir lags far behind the rest of the world, he maintained.



Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing a gathering at Swankha on Sunday.

## Progressing J&K one of major achievements of Modi Govt: Slathia

Excelsior Correspondent

VIJAYPUR, June 11: Former minister and Senior Vice President of BJP in J&K, Surjeet Singh Slathia today spelled out the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his nine year Government, saying one of the major highlights has been restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir, making it safe destination for travellers and investors from across the world.

Addressing people during Maha Jansampark Abhiyan, to mark the completion of the nine years of the Modi Government, along with senior BJP Karyakartas at village Swankha in the Ramgarh Assembly Constituency, Slathia referred to the recently concluded three day Working Group meeting of G20 Conclave in Srinagar and said this reflected the changing times in Kashmir and people's deep yearning for peace and stability."

He said more than doubling of the investment in J&K to Rs 75,000 crore by this year end, five times the investment happened in the past 74 years holds promise about the huge turnaround in the economic and developmental scenario in the Union Territory. While the influx of tourists has crossed all time high mark of 1.80 crore last year, this year the numbers are expect-

ed to go over two crore, which reflects the success of various initiatives taken during the past nearly four years, post abrogation of Article 370, he added.

Slathia also noted with satisfaction the efforts being made to harness J&K's hydel potential optimally and hoped that the power generation on Tawi basin will prove a game changer not only in terms of achieving self-reliance but also generating jobs for the local skilled, unskilled and educated work-force.

He dwelt in detail about various path breaking measures taken across Jammu and Kashmir during recent years with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructure facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments.

Slathia asserted that the BJP believes in inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, with every segment of society, irrespective of region, religion, race or caste having equal opportunities to prosper and progress and equal rights in the governance.

Prominent among those, who spoke on the occasion, included former Ministers Chander Prakash Ganga and Davinder Kumar Manyal, DDC Chairman Keshav Sharma, DDC Member Anita Choudhary, Asha Rani, Subhash Bhagat, Sarabjeet Singh Johal and others.

## Two books of Urdu poet & writer Balraj Bakshi released

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 11: Two books, titled Aasaanat-2 and Mitti Ke Mausam, written by well known writer and poet, Balraj Bakshi, were released here today under the banner of Anjuman-i-Farog-e-Urdu,

and Sahitaya Akademi Awardee Prakash Premi was the chief guest.

Prof Qudoos Javed was also present in the presidium. Other distinguished guests who graced the occasion included Fauzia Mughal, Ashok Sharma Paras, Dr Adarsh, Rakesh Jamwal, Ashok Sharma,



Two books of eminent Urdu poet writer Balraj Bakshi being released at Udhampur.

Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu.

The book 'Mitti Ke Mausam' is an anthology of poems and Ghazals while Aasaanat-2 is a collection of nouns and verbs, the first book of its type in the sub continent.

On this occasion, a programme was organised, which was presided over by eminent writer Khalid Hussain while well known writer

Khurshid Qazmi, Anu Atri, Varun Veer, Amin Banhali, Dr Jagmohan Singh.

It is worthwhile to mention that Balraj Bakshi is the recipient of many awards including awards by Urdu academies of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Lifetime Achievement Award by Jammu and Kashmir Government.