

Modi Government's Farmer-First Policy Transforms Rural India: Vibodh

RAJOURI, JUNE 17

As part of the nationwide celebrations marking the completion of 12 years of the Modi Government, senior BJP leader and former MLC Vibodh Gupta today visited village Mehari-Manyala located near the Line of Control (LOC), District Rajouri, met and felicitated progressive farmer Shri Balbir Raj, who has set an inspiring example by adopting organic and natural farming practices. He was accompanied by Senior BJP leader Yogesh Sharma, BJP Rajouri Dist. General Secretary Sanjay Sharma and Pritam Sharma.

Vibodh Gupta said that over the last 12 years, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has witnessed unprecedented progress across all sectors, with special focus on empowering farmers and strengthening rural communities under Modi Govt's Farmer First Policy.

He highlighted that the Central Government has introduced several farmer-centric initiatives aimed at improving agricultural productivity, increasing farmers' income, ensuring financial security, and encouraging modern and sustainable farming practices. Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), increasing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major crops ensuring guaranteed returns, Kisan Credit Card scheme offering low-interest loans for agricultural needs, expansion of irrigation facilities, support for agricultural infrastructure, improved access to technology, and initiatives for better market linkages have brought a positive transformation in the lives of millions of farmers.

"Farmers are the backbone of



our nation, and the Modi Government has worked continuously to make them partners in India's growth story. The focus has shifted from only agriculture production to creating an empowered, prosperous and self-reliant farming community," said Vibodh Gupta.

He further stated that the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat has encouraged local production, entrepreneurship, indigenous innovation, and sustainable development. From strengthening border villages with improved infrastructure and connectivity to promoting local talent and resources, the government has ensured that every region contributes to the journey of a developed India.

Praising farmers living in border areas, Vibodh Gupta said that their dedication reflects the spirit of resilience and commitment towards the nation. "Farmers like Balbir Raj demonstrate that villages near the LOC are not only guardians of our borders but also centres of innovation, growth and self-

reliance," he added. He called upon more farmers to adopt natural and organic farming methods, utilize government schemes, and become active contributors to the vision of a Viksit Bharat and Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

Senior BJP leader Yogesh Sharma highlighted that the government has worked with a clear vision of empowering every section of society, especially farmers, youth, women and rural communities. He said that initiatives focused on agriculture, infrastructure, digital connectivity and self-reliance have strengthened the foundation of a developed India. BJP Rajouri District General Secretary Sanjay Sharma said that the Modi Government has brought a new wave of transformation across villages and border areas through people-centric policies and development initiatives.

Pritam Sharma said that the last 12 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have been a period of remarkable growth and empowerment for the nation.

Sat Sharma inaugurates Dogra Cultural Harmony & Empowerment Institution in Jammu

JAMMU, JUNE 17

BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), accompanied by Bahu MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa, inaugurated the Dogra Cultural Harmony & Empowerment Institution at Channi Himmat, Jammu. The institution has been established under the aegis of Parmeshwari Care & Cure Charitable Trust with the objective of providing voluntary social services and promoting Dogra cultural values.

The institution will offer counseling and support services in areas such as stress and anxiety management, family and relationship counseling, senior citizen welfare, drug de-addiction, career guidance, and educational counseling. In addition, training in music and cultural activities will also be imparted to nurture talent and preserve cultural heritage.

Sat Sharma, addressing on the occasion, lauded the efforts of the trust and emphasized that such initiatives are the need of the hour. He said that rapid social changes, increasing stress levels, and growing societal challenges require dedicated community-based institutions that can provide guidance, counseling, and support to people from all walks of life. He expressed confidence that the institution would emerge as an important platform for social empowerment, cultural preservation, and community welfare.



Ch. Vikram Randhawa congratulated the office bearers of the institution including Chairperson Anju Bansal, Vice-Chairperson Neelam Sharma, President Vijay Gupta, General Secretary Ravi Raghuvanshi, and Coordinator Dr. Sunny Khajuria. He wished them success in their mission of serving society and strengthening cultural harmony.

Kulbhushan Mohtra, Managing Trustee of Parmeshwari Care & Cure Charitable Trust, briefed the gathering about the mission and vision of the institution and its commitment to public service through various welfare initiatives.

Dr. Romesh Khajuria, Trustee, Ambassador and former Chairman, WWEPC,

Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, highlighted the activities of the trust and reiterated its commitment towards the promotion and preservation of Dogra culture and heritage. A dental health camp was also organized on the occasion under the leadership of Dr. Supinder Soodan, Registrar, Department of Public Health Dentistry, while the legal assistance team was led by Advocate Amit Gupta.

Among others present were Sanjeev Vaid, Rama Jamwal, C.M. Seth, Maj. Gen. S.K. Sharma, Mukherjee Sharma, Raman Salathia, Rajiv Gupta and other distinguished citizens.

MLA Arvind Gupta meets Union Minister Ajay Tamta, seeks four-lane Bhagwati Nagar-Ring Road Corridor



JAMMU, JUNE 17

Jammu West MLA and senior BJP leader Arvind Gupta met Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways Shri Ajay Tamta and submitted a detailed memorandum seeking the construction of a four-lane link road from Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, to the Jammu Ring Road (NH-244A) via Rajpur, Bhagatpur, Kotha Bakshi and Sandwan villages.

During the meeting, Gupta highlighted the immense public importance, strategic relevance and religious significance of the proposed infrastructure project and urged the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to initiate the necessary survey, preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and subsequent execution of the project on priority.

The proposed corridor, measuring approximately 8

kilometres, is envisioned as a vital connectivity project that would directly link Bhagwati Nagar with the Jammu Ring Road and further connect it to the upcoming Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, creating a seamless transportation network for pilgrims, tourists and local residents.

Explaining the significance of the project, Gupta informed the Union Minister that Bhagwati Nagar serves as the principal Registration and Transit Centre for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, catering to lakhs of pilgrims from across the country every year. The existing traffic infrastructure often comes under tremendous pressure during the annual pilgrimage season, making improved connectivity an urgent necessity.

He emphasized that the proposed four-lane road would substantially enhance the

movement of pilgrims and tourists by providing a faster, safer and more efficient route between Jammu city and major national highways. The project would also strengthen Jammu's role as the gateway to some of the country's most revered pilgrimage destinations.

Gupta pointed out that the strategic corridor would facilitate devotees visiting three major Hindu pilgrimage centres Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Shrine, Katra and Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Shrine, Poonch.

The MLA further stated that beyond its religious importance, the project would deliver significant socio-economic benefits to the region. Improved road infrastructure would encourage tourism-related investments, generate employment opportunities, promote commercial activities and accelerate development in the villages and surrounding areas falling along the proposed alignment. Highlighting the urban planning benefits, Gupta noted that the four-lane corridor would help decongest traffic within Jammu city by providing an alternative route for vehicles heading towards the Ring Road and Expressway network. Reduced traffic pressure within city limits would improve travel time, road safety and overall commuter convenience. The proposal also carries substantial security and disaster-management significance. With lakhs of pilgrims arriving in Jammu during the Yatra season.

Rekha Mahajan bats for PM Modi's Healthy India call, urges less oil consumption



SAMBA, JUNE 17

BJP Mahila Morcha Samba district convened an organisational meeting under the chairmanship of Rekha Mahajan, Vice President BJP J&K and Prabhari Samba District, to strengthen the organisation, promote women empowerment, and enhance awareness about the Central Government's welfare initiatives.

The meeting was held under the leadership of District President Indu Wazir Sambyal and attended by State Secretary Mahila Morcha Usha Rajput, District General Secretaries Shakti Devi and Monica

Jamwal, members of the district team, and Mahila Morcha presidents from all mandals of Samba district.

Addressing the gathering, Rekha Mahajan urged party workers to take Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message of a healthy and developed India to every household. Referring to the Prime Minister's appeal for reducing edible oil consumption, she called upon women to lead a mass awareness campaign promoting healthier lifestyles and nutritious food prepared with less oil. She said that women, as the primary decision-makers in household kitchens, can play a transfor-

mative role in improving family health and preventing lifestyle-related diseases. "A healthy family is the foundation of a healthy nation, and every mother and sister can contribute to this national mission by adopting better food habits," she said. Mahajan further emphasized that women are the backbone of social change and nation-building. She said that when women unite with a spirit of service, commitment, and organisation, they become a powerful force capable of bringing meaningful transformation to society.

She urged Mahila Morcha workers to actively connect with women at the grassroots level and ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary. Indu Sambyal said that meeting infused fresh energy and enthusiasm among the participants. All office-bearers resolved to work with dedication for organisational expansion, successful implementation of upcoming programmes, and the continued empowerment of women, while contributing to the vision of a strong, self-reliant, healthy, and developed India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Swami Ram Swarup highlights importance of time management through Atharvaveda teachings

YOL, JUNE 17

On the 67th day of the ongoing 78-day Yajna dedicated to the study and practice of all four Vedas at Ved Mandir, Yol, renowned Vedic scholar and Yoga Acharya Swami Ram Swarup Ji delivered a discourse emphasizing the significance of time as explained in Atharvaveda, Kanda 19, Sukta 53.

Addressing devotees, Swami Ji explained that in the Vedic mantra, Kaal (Time) has been metaphorically described as a horse. Just as a horse continues to move forward, time also moves ceaselessly. The mantra teaches that wise and knowledgeable people ride this horse of time, making proper use of every moment. Time, he said, is immensely powerful, all-pervasive, and eternal. By utilizing time effectively, human beings can accomplish their goals and achieve success in life.



Swami Ji stressed that not even a single moment should be wasted. Instead, individuals should continuously strive for advancement in both spiritualism and materialism, maintaining a balanced approach to life. He further elaborated that the

mantra symbolically describes a pot filled with wealth and prosperity placed upon the horse of time, which continuously moves forward carrying it.

Explaining the deeper meaning of this symbolism, Swami Ji said that those who move in harmony with time and use it wisely through dedicated effort are able to attain prosperity and success. Conversely, those who succumb to laziness fail to progress with time and are left behind as time moves ahead.

He emphasized that studying the Vedas is essential for understanding the true value and influence of time. According to Vedic wisdom, only learned and enlightened individuals fully appreciate the importance of time and therefore spend their entire lives productively, pursuing both spiritual and material development. Such individuals, he said, attain happiness, longevity, prosperity, and ultimately realize God.

Army organises Yoga and Wellness Session, Promotes healthy living



POONCH, JUNE 17

Continuing its commitment towards the welfare and holistic development of people living in border areas, the Indian Army organised a Yoga and Wellness Session at Shahsitar in Poonch district. The initiative was

aimed at promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and a healthy lifestyle among the local population. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from 32 local residents, who gathered to take part in the interactive session focused on health, discipline and inner

wellness. The yoga session was conducted under the guidance of trained instructors, who demonstrated a variety of yoga asanas, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques designed to improve flexibility, posture and overall physical fitness. Participants were encouraged to actively perform each exercise while learning the correct techniques and understanding their long-term health benefits.

Apart from yoga practice, the instructors also interacted with the participants on the importance of adopting healthy habits in everyday life. They emphasised the role of regular physical exercise, balanced nutrition, stress management and positive mental health in maintaining an active and disease-free lifestyle. The session highlighted how yoga serves as a simple, cost-effective and holistic approach to improving both physical and emotional well-being.