

## Educated women plays pivotal role in educating the society : Virbhadra Singh

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INVC NEWS Shimla, Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh while addressing a gathering at Bagdaar in Bhatiyat Assembly constituency of district Chamba said that parents should give added attention to girl education as educated women play pivotal role in educating the society as a whole. He said that both boys and girls were important and should be equally educated. He said education was the base of any developed society and the government had given added priority to imparting quality education to the youth. As many as 42 colleges were opened during the present regime of the government taking the strength of colleges to 121, which included two colleges as announced yesterday in Salooni tehsil and one in Matour in Kangra. All the colleges were opened in far-flung areas of the state so that girls could get maximum benefit and have education at their very doorstep. He announced up-gradation of Middle School Dhalog to High School, Government Primary School, Khuin and Rangad to Government Middle School, upgradation of Middle Schools, Mathaloo, Kharera, Kahari, Saloh to Government High Schools and Government High School ,Dharoon Barnet to Senior Secondary School. He announced a sum of Rs 15000 for promotion of cultural activities to GSSS Bagdaar. He said road from Nainikhud to Samleu will also be improved. The Chief Minister announced opening of Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Garh in GP Chuhan, and Health Sub Centre at Kande in GP Samleu. He said his dream would be seen fulfilled, when every house in the state was well off economically and socially. "I believe that my motive, my mission would fail, if any citizen of Himachal lives in adversity and was not strengthened socio-economically," said Chief Minister. He said welfare of people and their happiness had to be ensured at any cost and his government was committed for this purpose. He said Himachal has witnessed economic revolution mostly in villages due to road connectivity. Roads lead to development and the Government always gave importance to construction of roads to ensure development of the people. The Chief Minister said that division in society was detrimental for the country. India being a secular country, every person has a right to exercise his religion. Every person has right to pursue his choice of religion. He said that it was being seen that few hardcore fanatics were trying to create rift amongst the people of different religion. They were trying to break harmony, unity and people should realise that such people should not be given a chance to split the Nation for seeking their political ambitions. He also inaugurated newly constructed Rs 2.25 crore, Bagdaar-Khuin Road falling in Bhatiyat and Rs. 1.92 crore Lift Water Supply Scheme to cater to the population of around 5000 of 20 villages including Dhar Janoli, Nagali, Nuhin, Bagdhar, Baroh, Khuin, Dalog, Bannu, Bassa, Kanyarka, Patti, Sohar and Ulled in G.P. Bagdhar, Nagali, Dalog, Sudli and Mornu of Bhatiyat constituency. He laid foundation stone of Rs 84 lakh drinking water supply scheme to PC habitations of census village Banikheth, Jaraie, Bagota Dharad, Banikheth, Ugral in Gram Panchayat Banikheth, which would benefit 14 habitations of the area and present population of 3700. Chairman, State Pollution Control Board Shri Kuldeep Singh Pathania crediting the development of the state to Shri Virbhadra Singh, said that it was due to successive Congress governments that the state was one of the model hill states in the field of development in the country. He said the State was adjudged as the best Big State in field of education, he said, adding that the State had 95 percent of road connectivity. However, the BJP could not complete the 4.50 Kilometres Khuin, road in its five years term, which was inaugurated today and the bus flagged off. He also put a demand for extension of Khuin road under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojna. Forest Minister, Shri Thakur Singh Bharmouri, Secretary AICC and MLA from Banikheth, Smt. Asha Kumari, DCC President, Shri Surinder Bharadwaj, former MLA, Shri Gandharva Singh, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Shri Dharam Singh Pathania, Chairman, APMC, Chamba, Shri Neeraj Nayar, BCC, President, Shri Raj Singh Chambial, BCC, President,

Salooni block, Shri Raj Kumar Thakur, Chairman Bhalei Mata Temple committee and Senior Vice President DCC, Shri Kamal Thakur were also present on the occasion amongst others.

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