

# Union MoS Railways reviews pace of progress on Katra-Banihal section of USBRL project

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RAMBAN: Union Minister of State for Railways, Coal and Mines, Raosaheb Patil Danve, who is on a 2-day visit of district Ramban in UT of J&K as a part of the Union Government's Public Outreach Programme, reviewed the pace of progress on 272 kms long Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line project, besides taking stock of issues hindering the pace of progress on prestigious project in a meeting at Patnitop on Sunday.

Reviewing the pace of progress on the prestigious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project, the Minister directed the concerned to complete the dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by 2023, saying that there is no dearth of funds for the development and welfare of the people of the country.

Taking first hand appraisal

of pace of progress on land acquisition, availability of construction material and minor minerals, the Minister directed the Railway Authorities, District Administrations and Construction Agencies to redouble their efforts to meet its timely completion which will connect the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country through rail link. He instructed the concerned authorities to adopt the permission procedure in due course of time for procurement of construction material so that early completion of this prestigious project is ensured.

Reviewing the availability of construction materials for executing agencies, the Minister directed District Administration to issue short term permits so that Railways could procure essential construction material without any problem in future also.

While enquiring about causes of delay of project, the Minister also sought a detailed report on project's cost escalation from Chief Engineers of all wings of the project.

Giving a detailed presentation on USBRL by the Railway authorities about the alignment, latest progress of work, salient fea-



Union Minister of State for Railways, Coal and Mines, Raosaheb Patil Danve chairing a meeting at Ramban.

tures of the project, challenges, issues which need to be resolved, the Minister was informed that world's most advanced technologies are being used for planning and construction of this National prestigious project.

The Minister was informed that the total length of USBRL is 272 KMs, of which 161 KM has already

been commissioned, while as the work on the rest 111 Kms Katra-Banihal stretch is in progress and is expected to be completed by April 2023. The Katra-Banihal stretch comprises 27 nos. of Main tunnels and 8 nos. of Escape tunnels involves 97 Kms tunnelling work. The T-49 is the longest tunnel i.e., 12.75 Kms situated between

Sumber-Arpinchala in Sangaldan area of Ramban district.

The project is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 27,949 crores the meeting informed, and added that as many as 786 people who have lost their 75 per cent land are provided job in Railway, besides other basic facilities are also being provided to the locals.

It was informed that more than 200 Kms of approach roads including 1 tunnel and 320 bridges have been constructed to reach the working sites. A road bridge over river Chenab near Dhamkund on Ramban-Gool state highway has been constructed to move heavy materials, the meeting was informed and added that this road bridge is connecting Sangaldan, Gool, Mahore, Arnas, Kanthan and Reasi.

The meeting was informed that one special bridge across the river Chenab having central span of 467 m is being

built at a height of 359 m from the river bed, adding that, it will be the highest rail bridge in the world, when completed. As many as 37 bridges with combined length of 7,035 Kms are being constructed on Katra-Banihal section, of which 23 have been completed and work on rest of the bridges is in progress, the meeting was informed.

Meanwhile, locals also met and welcome the Minister and apprised him about their local developmental needs.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Musarat Islam; AGM NR Naveen Gulati, CAO Northern Railway, AK Khandelwal; DRM, FRZ Northern Railway, Seema Sharma; Chief Engineer USBRL Northern Railway, Sandeep Gupta, SSP, PD Nitya; concerned Chief Engineers; Additional District Development Commissioner; Collector Railway (ADC); Deputy Chief Engineers of Railways along with other concerned officers.

Railway authorities lauded the efforts of UT government and District administration for providing appropriate working atmosphere besides completing revenue related works.

Earlier, District

## Civilian killings in Srinagar: Teachers community takes out candle march



Teachers taking out candle march in Samba.

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SAMBAL: To pay homage to Principal and teacher who were shot dead by terrorists in Srinagar, teacher community of Ghagwal took out a candle march from Shri Narsinh Temple Complex of Ghagwal to the bus stand via the main market. They demanded martyr status to the teachers who were killed and prayed for the peace of their souls. While speaking on the occasion, Teacher Happy Jasrotia said that while working in Kashmir, these teachers were doing nothing less than a soldier as in odd circumstances they were giving free education to the children. These people

were nominated and targeted, due to which these teachers should be given martyr status.

Satish Singh Jasrotia, Vishal Sharma, Keemti Lal, Ram Kishore, Randeep Singh, Yograj Singh, Varun

Pandotra, Mulkh Raj, Shashi Khajuria, Anil Kumar, Rajesh Singh, Sukhdev Raj, Pawan Kumar, Roop Singh, Surinder Kumar, Rakesh, Bd Sharma, Neeraj, Tarsem Kumar were also present.

## Govt College Reasi organises online poster making competition

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REASI: Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College Reasi organised an online Poster Making Competition on the topic "Moving towards Positive Mental Health" on the occasion of World Mental Health Day on Sunday under the patronage of Principal Dr. Chander Shekhar conducted by Manodarpan - Psychological Counselling Cell of the College.

Dr. Probhjot Kour, HoD, Deptt. of Psychology, was the programme Co-ordinator. The students were intimated via college website and e-flyer regarding poster making competition. In all, 52 students participated in the Competition very enthusiastically. They expressed their views and displayed their talent with Colours.

Principal of the College Dr. Chander Shekhar applauded the efforts of the students. The Competition was organized by Convener of the Psychological Counseling Cell - Dr. Rajinder Kumar. First Position was secured by Garima Dogra, BA 1st Sem., Second Position was secured by Muzaffar Hussain, BA 5th Sem., & third Position was shared by Shalini Manyotra, BA 5th Sem and Rahila Khan, BA 3rd Sem.

## DHS Doda hosts awareness event to observe World Mental Health Day



Chief Judicial Magistrate Prem Sagar (Chairman District Legal Service Authority) delivering a lecture.

presented by Chief Medical Officer Doda, Dr M Y Mir who in his speech welcomed CJM Doda, other esteemed guests besides all the participants. The CMO Doda gave a brief introduction about the World Mental Health Day.

District Mental Health Programme Officer Dr Zia Showkat Mughal was the resource person who shared the detailed education and awareness regarding reasons and preventions of Mental Health to all the participants besides he highlighted various factors which have contributed to the deteriorating mental health of people in general due to the pandemic.

Following this, the Chief Judicial Magistrate Doda (Chairman DLSA Doda), Prem Sagar while highlighting the importance of this day said that a person can survive without excess money but cannot survive without good health. He added that to stay healthy is not an option but a necessity to live a happy life, World Health

Day aims at providing proper health care services to everyone. He said Health is the relationship between you and your body and He who has hope has everything'.

Meanwhile, a debate competition was also held on the occasion wherein the students of ANMT School participated and later on all the participants were awarded with mementos.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion between audience and experts, focusing on all possible and practical solutions to deal with mental health issues.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Incharge NCD Cell Mohammad Faheem Butt.

The day was also observed by all Medical Blocks viz Assar, Bhaderwah, Gando, Ghat and Thathri by holding awareness events.

Despite the local SHO Pankaj Sharma, SDPO Zakir Shiv Nagar and reached

this time centre is lead by a ethnic committee headed by Dr. Pervezada Mohd. Ameen, the committee in its final report submitted that Pahari Ethnicity deserves ST status from all parameters defined in the Constitution of India, they added.

Further added that since 1989 every government

## Bharat Scouts & Guides Udhampur starts COVID-19 awareness campaign



Scouts & Guides distributing masks among locals.

places, bus stands, Tutorials, Court etc. and during the process they distributed

Masks along with appeal to public specially students to observe all the Standard

operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by District Disaster Management Authority from time to time to avoid anticipatory third layer of corona and as far as possible remain away from crowds by keeping minimum six feet distance from other person.

Rakesh Singh also appreciated the District Administration for their initiative to launch Covid-19 awareness mass drive in Schools through Chief Education Officer Udhampur in which aware-

ness is spread through various means such as Nukkad Nataks, pamphlets, posters, drawings, banners, hoardings. Youth clubs also

promised to scout masters that they will further spread this awareness campaign through their YouTube channels and blogs.

Others prominent who were present in the campaign are DHQ Commissioner Vivek Gupta, Assistant District Commissioner Vikram Gupta, Treasurer Ajay Kumar and many more.

As per communication

received from office of Deputy Commissioner Ramban applicants can submit their online applications from September 27 to October 26, 2021 upto 5PM.

As per All India Sainik

## GDC Ukhral organises essay writing competition

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RAMBAN: Psychological Counseling Cell of Government Degree College (GDC) Ukhral today observed the World Mental Health Day by organizing an essay writing competition on the theme "Significance of Mental Health and Wellbeing". A large number of students participated in this competition and highlighted the importance and significance of mental health in individual's life.

Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Ranvijay Singh, in his message said that mental health is essential for overall growth and development. He emphasized on the necessity to educate and aware the masses about mental health and encourage them to talk about the topic. The program was co-ordinated by Prof. Zakir Hussain Naik Convener Psychological Counseling Cell under the guidance of worthy Principal of the college.

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centrally and state sponsored schemes of the department and urged them to come forward, associate with the horticulture department and avail the benefits on different

maximum benefits of farmer friendly departmental schemes and uplift their economic status. BDC Chairman Ramesh Singh while speaking on the occasion hailed the efforts of the department for organizing such a mega awareness camp in the remotest area of the Samba district. Later, 400 fruit plants were also distributed among the farmers who participated in the camp. Chief Horticulture Officer Samba Ashwani Sharma presented the vote of thanks.

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Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak speaking during the programme.

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