

Modi Govt looting poor through high taxes: Congress

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SUNDERBANI: Congress expressed concern over the continuous increase in the prices of petrol, diesel, LPG and other essential commodities of life.

Reacting over the continuous increase of petrol, diesel, LPG and all other essential commodities, Chief Spokesperson JKPC Ravinder Sharma (Ex-MLC) said that BJP is simply looting the people in the name of taxes and questioned Modi government on what basis does it decide on the prices of petroleum products every day. Why is this hike in petrol and diesel prices when international crude oil prices are low.

He said that the uncontrolled inflation and this government's crude policies has inflicted a lot of misery upon

a lot of sections of people in India. The fuel price hike has not only hit the traders but also farmers, students, daily wage earners and other sections of the society. He questioned, if the international crude oil prices are low, why are the people of India paying such high prices for fuel? On what basis does it decide on the prices of petroleum products every day and what is the explanation for subjecting people to this cruelty? Sharma said that BJP government has increased excise duty on diesel by 820 per cent and on Petrol by 258 per cent over and collected upwards of Rs. 21 lakh crore in the last six and a half years," he said. This "unaccounted-for" windfall is yet to be passed to the people for whose benefit it was ostensibly collected, he said.

He further said that many challenges have been compounded by runaway inflation and an unprecedented rise in price of almost all household items and essential commodities. Stressing that fuel prices are at an "historic and unsustainable" high, he said petrol has crossed the Rs 100 per liter mark in many parts of the country and the surging price of diesel has added to the escalating woes of millions of farmers. "What baffles most citizens, is that these prices have been increased despite moderate prices of international crude oil. What is equally distressing is that despite being in power for almost seven years now, the government continues to blame previous regimes for its own economic mismanagement, he said.

GLDM Degree College organises webinar on intellectual property right

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HIRANAGAR: A webinar on Intellectual Property Right was organized by IQAC Cell of GLDM Degree College Hiranagar in which the speakers deliberate their talks on how to preserve or protect the legal rights of their innovations, technical creations, literary and scientific work.

Principal Prof. Kuldeep Singh Koushal was the Chief Guest on the occasion and in his address he stressed upon the importance of Intellectual Property Rights.

Prof. Sujat Khan IQAC Coordinator welcomed both the resource persons Prof. Ramesh Chandra Panda Chief Scientist in WeGrow Private Ltd and Dr. Tariq Hussain Sheikh Faculty in Computer Sciences at GDC Poonch. During the welcome address Prof. Khan said that we are fortunate to have these speakers with such a vast experience in paper publications in research field and having patents for their products from Australian Govt and having four more patents in pipeline. He said that this talk is definitely providing a guideline to the faculty who are interested in getting patent for their research work. Prof. Ramesh Chandra Panda deliberated on different aspects of IPR in detail in which he discussed how to get patent for your literary, scientific innovations; creations from different countries so that your rights get reserved. Whereas Dr. Tariq Hussain Sheikh discussed his own patent work of 3D printing of cost effective human skull models and skull implants and a Noval Range IOT based automatic dispenser system for heavy water line flow.

Prof. Parveen Sharma Co-Coordinator IQAC delivered vote of thanks to the Guest Speakers for delivering such a valuable talk. He extended his thanks to the members of Psychological and members of career counseling cell for their active participation in organizing the Webinar.

GDC Kathua organises symposium

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KATHUA: NSS Units GDC Kathua celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on the eve of birth anniversary of Father of Nation Mahatama Gandhi. In this connection a symposium was organised under the patronage of Principal Prof Raj Kiran. The symposium was started with traditional lamp lightening followed by welcome note by Prof Mammohan Singh. The event was organised under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav and Clean India Campaign.

The theme of the symposium was "Role of Youth in Strengthening peace and Democracy in the world. Principal Prof Raj Kiran also addressed the volunteers and throw light on the role and importance of youth in strengthening peace and democracy in the world. More than fifteen volunteers took part in the symposium. First prize was shared by Naman Dogra and Anisha Devi, Alieshea got second position

DDC reviews implementation of Pakal Dul HEP Rehabilitation Plan

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KISHTWAR: The progress on the implementation of the approved Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Plan at Pakal Dul Hydro-electric Power Project was reviewed by the District Development Commissioner, Ashok Sharma, here at a meeting with the concerned district officers and project authorities.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Sham Lal; Chief Executive Officer Kishtwar Development Authority/SDM Chatroo Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ACR Akhter Hussain Qazi; DYSSO Kharati Lal Sharma, PWD Engineers besides other concerned officers.

The developmental works projected under the RR plan were discussed threadbare.

The DDC took stock of the progress in the implementation of the various rehabilitation and resettlement works



DDC Ashok Sharma chairing a meeting at Kishtwar.

which includes the construction of Hospital Building amounting to Rs 353.25 lakhs at Suid Dachhan, construction of 2 passenger sheds with toilet, a Community hall at Kwar Tangi, construction of Dachhan house at Kishtwar, construction of community halls at Soundar and Panjdihara villages of Dachhan block.

The meeting was apprised that the DPR, AA accorded and the part payment for the said works has been received by the concerned department and work has been started.

On the issue of shifting and realignment of 11KV line and construction of receiving station and upgradation of infrastructure for PAFs, the Xen PDD informed that work is under progress and would be completed in stipulated time frame.

Besides, the status on the remodeling of Soundar Kuhl, Nagar Kuhl, renovation of 1000 meter Chicha Dachhan Kuhl and providing of drinking water supply facilities to PAFs of Kwartangi and additional water lifting irrigation facility at Kishtwar was also reviewed in the

meeting.

The DDC Kishtwar informed the meeting that the funds for Water sector among others have been released.

For the timely completion of the construction work of veterinary Dispensary at Kwar Tangi and Dachhan, necessary directions were given to the concerned.

Besides, the construction of Dipping Vats at Dachhan and Kwartangi was also reviewed and the meeting was apprised that the DPR and full payment has been released in favour of the department.

Among other works, progress of which was taken stock of was the construction of Common Demonstration centre involving a cost of Rs 72 lakh, upgradation of tourism and sports infrastructure, submission of the DPR for the construction of the playgrounds at GHSS Soundar and Yaywag Sirchi Dachhan estimated to cost Rs 110 lakh. The CEO Kishtwar Development Authority was asked to start the construction of Common Facilitation Centre and recreational Parks at Soundar and Panjdihara respectively.

The DDC Kishtwar informed that amount has been released and more funds are expected. He directed the departments to mobilise resources and expedite the pace manifold to complete projects so that the facilities reach to the PAFs at the earliest.

Two courses at SKPA conclude

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UDHAMPUR: Two courses i.e 02 weeks "GO's Refresher Course" which commenced on September 20, 2021 and 05 days training programme for the Investigators on "Safety of Women" sponsored by BPR&D, New Delhi which commenced on 27th of September, 2021, culminated on Friday at S.K. Police Academy Udhampur.

(46) Police officers of the rank ASI to Dy:SP from all over the UT J&K attended the training programmes.

A valedictory function was organized in the Academy. Mohan Lal, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor) Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur was the chief guest on the occasion. In his valedictory address while addressing to the participants of GO's Refresher Course, Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP reiterated that participating officers have spent a number of years in the Police service and have a lot of experience



Mohan Lal, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor) SKPA presenting certificate to a participant officer.

regarding management and policing. Now being the supervisory officers they have to perform completely a new role in both. The present scenario is becoming more and more challenging for the police especially to perform the duties as supervisory officer because the job of the supervisory officer is to be all-rounder as he has to deal with many odd situations. Addressing the participants of "Women Safety" course, Sh. Mohan Lal, SSP laid emphasis on the dire need of proper investigation of cases

related to safety of women and to ensure time bound conviction of the criminals. The Specialised and experienced guest faculty were arranged from different arenas whether it be Police, Army, Para Military Forces, Universities, etc. to enhance the knowledge of the participating officers of the courses.

The audience was informed that organizing such courses is the endeavour of worthy DGP J&K and Director SKPA Udhampur. The valedictory was also attended by the officers of the Academy.

Ujjwala 2.0: DC Reasi flags off Special Purpose vehicle to generate awareness



DC Reasi Charandeep flagging off vehicle.

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Charandeep Singh on Friday flagged off a special purpose vehicle for creating awareness among the public about the Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana), in the district.

While briefing the media, the Deputy Commissioner informed that Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is a scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for providing LPG connections to women of the Below Poverty Line (BPL)

households, and after attaining the phase 1 target, the Prime Minister has launched version 2 of the Ujjwala scheme to include the leftover beneficiary under its ambit.

"This measure of including the leftovers will empower women and protect their health," he added.

He also informed that the special purpose vehicles have been launched for the collection of data and documents and identify locations for holding special to be organised by oil companies to provide free LPG

connections to leftover families. "These special purpose vehicles will be received by the representatives of PRIIs and officials of FCS and CA and shall facilitate in getting the new connections to the beneficiaries," the DC said.

Moreover, a detailed calendar has been issued with camp location, dates and times where the public can reach.

The special camps will be held at Bhoomag, Arnas, Thuroo, Mahore, Gulabgarh, Chassana, Sungri, Pouni, Reasi and Katra.

3 day awareness workshop on Kathak starts in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: A three day workshop on Kathak was on Friday organised by the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) here at Himalayan College of Education Rajouri.

The workshop was inaugurated by the District Development Commissioner, Rajesh K Shavan who was the chief guest at the event. DDC Member Darhal, Iqbal Malik; President MC Rajouri, Mohannad Arief; Founder and Patron of IHM society, Farooq Musdar; HOD Fine Arts and Music, Dr Priya Dutta; DSEO, Bilal Rashid Mir besides prominent citizens



DDC Rajesh K Shavan being honoured during the event.

including Ex-Chairman Pahari Advisory board, Kuldeep Raj Gupta; Subash Chander (retired KAS); Rajinder Gupta; Pushpinder Gupta; Yogesh Sharma; Sushil Sharma; Yousif

Lone and others, students; faculty members of the HEM College and Institute of music and fine arts were present at the awareness workshop.

The Artists of the Music and

BGSBU organises national webinar on recent trends in energy & power

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RAJOURI: A national webinar on "Recent Trends in Energy and Power" was organized by the department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri on 1st, October, 2021. Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor; Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University applauded the department of Electrical Engineering especially Head Mr. SHAFQAT NABI MUGHAL for organizing the webinar. Prof. Akbar said there is a need to remain informed regarding new trends in Power and Energy. This will be useful for understanding the issues in traditional energy technologies and subsequent emergence of new technologies.

Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs congratulated the department for organizing the event. He urged upon the faculty members to

come up with cutting edge research for the greater benefits of the society.

Dean SoET, Prof Asif Hussain in his address welcomed the guest speaker Dr. Naveen Kumar Sharma (Assistant Professor, I.K.G Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala, Punjab) and highlighted the accomplishments that SoET is achieving. Head, Electrical Engineering Mr. SHAFQAT Mughal provided the welcome address and introduced the guest speaker.

Dr. Naveen Kumar Sharma, in his presentation elaborated on the role of Renewable Energy Sources in meeting the growing energy demand worldwide. Faculty members, Research Scholars and Students from institutions within and outside the university actively participated in the event. At the end vote of thanks was presented by Gaurav Kumar (Assistant Professor; Electrical).

Poonch Admn hosting Folk Music Programme- Jashn-e-Poonch



Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet chairing a meeting at Poonch.

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POONCH: District Administration Poonch is going to host a mega Folk Music programme-Jashn-e-Poonch under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In this

regard, Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet on Friday chaired a meeting to discuss the modalities with stakeholder departments here at conference Hall of DC office. At the outset, District Culture Officer Rajouri/Poonch, Dr. Alam Dar discussed in detail the preparations to be made for smooth conduct of the event.

It was decided in the meeting that the programme will be organised on October 16, 2021 at Dakbungalow. The Deputy Commissioner stressed on close coordination among all stakeholders for smooth conduct of Jashn-e Poonch. Detailed discussions were held with regard to preparation of cultural

items, security, sanitation, and Medicare at the venue.

The Deputy Commissioner directed different departments to display banners, hoardings, stalls of different government schemes, i.e; Handicraft, Handloom, Agriculture, Swachta, beti bachao beti padhao, Covid appropriate behavior; etc to educate the people. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Abdul Sattar; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Basharat Hussain; ASP, Liaquat Choudhary; CEO Tourism, Dr. Mohd. Tanveer, besides all the concerned officers.

Month-long series of events under 'Har Din Paavan' begins at GDC Jindrah

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JINDRAH: The Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah on Friday started series of events under the theme 'Har Din Paavan' on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti. All the activities scheduled from October 1-31, 2021 will be held under the umbrella of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The month long 'Har Din Paavan' was inaugurated today with the 'Swachhata Abhiyaan' conducted in the college premises to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The NSS unit of GDC Jindrah with its volunteers gathered in the college premises and cleaned the area



Students carrying out cleanliness drive of campus.

with in the college. The whole Swachhata Abhiyaan was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah. Prof. Rajshree Dhar, principal, GDC Jindrah inaugurated the Abhiyaan and cheered for the volunteers. Abhiyaan

was compiled and reported by Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team of GDC, Jindrah. The various other multiple activities scheduled to be held for the whole month were discussed with the volunteers so that activities can be carried out in a planned manner.

Class 11 students meet ADC Bhadarwah, demand mass promotion



Students handing over memorandum to ADC Rakesh Kumar.

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BHADARWAH: Demanding mass promotion in view of Covid-19 pandemic, a deputation of 11th class students of Government Higher Secondary School Girls Bhadarwah met ADC Bhadarwah Rakesh Kumar and submitted a memorandum of demands.

Students Sheeza Ishtaq, Iqra Javed and Atubra Mehraj said that in view of the prevailing situation, students have suffered a lot and their academic session was adversely affected. They said that this area is hilly and there was network problems to connect online classes beside maximum number of students don't have smart-phones due to financial crisis.

They said mass promotion is the only solution to their sufferings. "We are suffering from mental agony and want JK

Board of School Education to declare mass promotion for Class 11th," students said. The students said if students of Summer Zone were given mass promotion why not for us too.

They also appealed JKBOSE to announce mass promotions and start a new session so that the students can be engaged in academic activities.

They said that if their demand can not be considered, they will launch a massive agitation against JKBOSE authorities.

After listening patiently, ADC Bhadarwah Rakesh Kumar assured students that their matter will be taken with concerned authorities to resolve the issue.

Sania Tabassum, Mahnoor Butt, Sania and others were part of deputation.

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