

Iconic week festival: DC Rajouri flags off Himalayan Bike Rally

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RAJOURI: To mark the celebration of Iconic Week Festivals as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Administration Rajouri in collaboration with the Rajouri Development Authority today organized the Himalayan Bike Rally.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan from lawns of the PWD Dak Bungalow.

Among the others, President MC Rajouri, Mohd Arief; CEO RDA, Vivek Puri; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; DSEO, Bilal Rashid Mir; ARTO, Shami Kumar, ward councillor, Sanjay Sharma were present during the event.



Bikers during the event at Rajouri.

As many as 50 bikers including 04 girls and 46 boys participated with added zeal in the rally.

A sufficient number of Security personnel have been deployed along the route from Rajouri, Narian, Thalka, Lam, Jhangher, Nowshera, Bhawan, Seri-Saya, Beripatan,

Sunderbani, Thandapani, Channi Prat, Solki, Panjnara, Sialsui and Dhangri and back to Rajouri while all necessary arrangements have been made at reception and culmination site.

Provision of an ambulance along with a team of doctors and Para Medical staff with

requisite essential medicines has also been kept available.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner also said that the objective for organizing such events is to harness the tourism potential of the district to raise the economy of the district.

He said that concerted efforts are being made to boost the tourism sector in the district and a slew of measures are underway to explore all the possibilities for tapping its potential to the full.

"Youth can play a pivotal role in promoting tourism as they are capable of generating powerful ideas and the same would come through their active participation in

such tourism promotion activities," said the DC.

Highlighting the measures being taken to promote border tourism, the DC said that the District Administration is working on this point and a border Mela would be organised shortly besides a mega cultural event cum Mushaira would also be organised.

DC urged upon the youth to play a positive role in the peace, prosperity and development of the district.

He further said such events would continue to be organised in near future and sought active cooperation and participation from the public especially the youth in the events for their successful conduct of such programs.

Union MoS Prahlad Singh Patel visits Reasi, interacts with public representatives

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REASI: The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel on Tuesday visited Reasi where he interacted with the public representatives and participated in various activities.

On the occasion the minister said that the Government is making best efforts to ensure that benefits of development reach all sections of the society without discrimination. The Minister assured that all the demands of the people in the area will be fulfilled on a priority basis.

The Union Minister said that the purpose of his visit is to assess the progress of implementation of Government schemes on the ground and get a direct response from the public.

Commenting on increasing the standard of health care in the area, the minister said that the Ayushman Bharat initiative of the Prime Minister has ensured financial assistance for medical treatment of different sections of the society. He added that efforts are being made to ensure equitable development and corruption free govern-



Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel visiting a stall at Reasi.

ment for the overall welfare of the society.

Later, the Minister visited Thanpal Fish Farm where he inspected different department stalls displayed by various departments of district Reasi. Calling the planning approach a bottom-up model, he advised the elected representatives to effectively monitor the progress of various projects for maximum benefits.

Emphasizing on the Central Government's commitment to bring a new era of

Development in J&K, the Minister said that it is for the first time in the history of J&K that Central Ministers are visiting villages to interact and get the first hand appraisal of their problems and feedback about the implementation of the schemes.

DDC Chairman Reasi Saraf Singh Nag; DC Reasi, Charandeep Singh; ADDC Jyoti Salathia, ADC Abdul Star, CPO, POICDS and other senior officers were also present in the public outreach programme.

JKTJAC demands old pension scheme for NPS employees

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UDHAMPUR: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) was held today under its President Vinod Sharma which was attended by a large number of NPS employees of Education, PDD, Forest and Youth services and Sports.

Speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the burning issues of NPS Employees and demanded the old pension scheme for all such employees. He said that pension is the only source of income and a ray of hope for the employees after their retirement, but NPS scheme has snatched the said source thereby pushing them in distress.

He appealed to the LG to intervene in the matter and grant the old pension scheme for the NPS Employees so that they may not suffer in their old age. Speakers of various departments raised the NPS issue and said that shortcomings in the scheme are forcing the employees to come on joint platform to demand old pension scheme.

JKTJAC announced one representative of NPS from education department each from all the zones of Udhampur including Bharat Bhushan Singh from Chenani, Ravikant from Babey, Rajesh Jamwal from Ghordi, Yudhvir Singh from Kulwanta, Parshant Sharma from Jib, Mohd Mustfa from Tikri, Ajit Singh from Udhampur, Pama Chand from Panchari, Lakshdeep from Majalta, Uttam Chand from Dudu and Vishwa Nath from Ramnagar.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Lekh Raj Parihar Distt president Udhampur, Sham Sharma UT Chief Advisor, Sukesh Khajuria UT Chief Press and Media Secretary, Ravinder Singh Rathore General Secretary, Sham Singh, Anil Sharma, Vipin Sharma, Viney Sharma, Swaran Singh, Amit Gupta, Pankaj Thakur, Romesh Goswami, Vandana Gouria, Viney Magotra, Arjun Singh, Ashok Sharma, Mohd Din, Darshan Singh, Angrez Singh, Anuradha, Shashi, Madhu Bala and others.

Councilor starts construction of protection wall



Councilor Priti Khajuria after inaugurating civic work.

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UDHAMPUR: Councilor ward No.1 MCU Priti Khajuria on Tuesday started the construction work of a damaged protection wall in

Jakhaini locality. Priti said that it was the dire need of the public and with the sincere efforts finally construction work started.

According to Priti particu-

lar protection wall had collapsed in the month of March 2020 due to heavy rain. She further added that due to wall collapse newly constructed tile lane had also partially damaged and broken which restricted the public movement from both end of lane

The people present on the occasion expressed their happiness by expressing their gratitude towards councilor Priti to heave a sigh of relief after commencing construction work after years suffering. Officials of PWD department were also present on the occasion.

BAP condoles demise of grand-daughter of Adv Quazi Mohd Sayed

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POONCH: During an extra ordinary meeting held under president Adv Maroof Khan, the Bar Association of Poonch (BAP) condole the sad and untimely demise of Grand-daughter of Adv Quazi Mohd Sayed and daughter of Adnan Sayed CJM Reasi.

The participants expressed solidarity with the members of bereaved family and observed two minutes silence praying for peace to the departed soul and courage to the family to bear this



Bar members during the meeting at Poonch.

irreparable loss.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Advocates Taj

Hussain Shah, Anuj Kapoor, Mohd Younis, Murtaza Khan, Abbas Khan, Sanjay Raina, and others.

Enforcement teams recovers Rs 16,600 fine from violators in Ramban

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RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Tuesday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 16,600 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 61,06,850.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh informed that as many as 2108 persons were administered first and second Covid vaccine doses across Ramban district today. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1267 samples including 350 RTPCR and 917 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 2108 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.



SDPO Tanveer Jeelani presenting gift to a martyr's family.

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RAJOURI: The police administration on Monday facilitated a number of police Martyr families during an event organised at police station Manjakote.

On the directions of District Police Office, the event was organised by Police Station Manjakote under the supervision of Sub Division Police Office Manjakote with SDPO Tanveer Jeelani and SHO Harmohinder Singh

were present in it.

A number of family members of police Martyr families took part in the event where police officers interacted with them and discussed a number of issues especially related to welfare schemes being run by Government for them.

The martyr families were also assured of best possible assistance on every front by Jammu and Kashmir Police Parivar.

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav: DYSS holds cleanliness drive

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AKHNOOR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Akhnoor organised a massive cleanliness drive programme on 26th of October 2021 under the aegis of 'Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav'-celebrating 75 years of India's Independence at Panchayat Devipur of Block Bhalwal Brahmana to aware business persons and locals about the harmful effects of single use plastic and the health benefits of keeping the surroundings neat and clean.

The cleanliness drive was organised under the Chairmanship of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jammu Sukhdev



Volunteers carrying out cleanliness drive.

Raj Sharma and under the overall supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer, Akhnoor Tarsem Singh.

The drive was flagged off by Ganesh Dass, Sarpanch Panchayat Devipur, from GHS Devipur and went through

the main market of Panchayat Devipur. Ganesh Dutt, Incharge GHS Devipur, Sh. Madan Lal, PEM GHS Devipur, all officials (YS&S Department) of Zone Akhnoor and Volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan were part of

the drive. Special focus was laid on the cleanliness of water bodies and removal of waste from road sides.

In the programme, ZPEO said "It is essential for everyone to learn about cleanliness, hygiene, sanitation and various diseases that are caused due to poor hygienic conditions."

"Cleanliness ensures a healthy mind and physique, it is not the responsibility of only one person, rather it is the duty of every citizenrymen" Sarpanch added.

The locals and residents of Panchayat Devipur appreciated the department for organizing such programmes for the welfare of humanity.

Progress of land acquisition cases of army reviewed

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Tuesday chaired a joint meeting of Revenue and Army departments to discuss the land acquisition, Requisition, De-Requisition and Misc issues pertaining to defence land here at conference hall of DC office Complex Poonch.

The meeting was attended by Col. J Aswinder Singh and Lt. Col. Paramjeet Singh of Station Headquarter 93 Infantry Brigade Poonch, Lt. Col. G. S Dillon, Station Hqr. Krishna Ghati Lt. Col. B.S Negi of Station Hqr B.G, Head Quarter Assistant Jahangir Hussain, Tehsildar Haveli Anjum Bashir Khan Khatak, Tehsildar Mandi Shazad Latief Khan, Tehsildar Surankote Sheraz Ahmed, Tehsildar Mendhar



Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet chairing a meeting.

Gorav Sharma, Tehsildar Mankote Abdul Qayoum, Tehsildar Balakote Qadir Rehman besides all Concerned Naib Tehsildars and other revenue officials

were present.

In the meeting, threadbare discussion on all the issues pertaining to defence land were held covering all the land hiring cases.

In some cases, revenue documents were required by the concerned army units along with their English version and the Tehsildars were given 10 day time to provide the same to the concerned Army units.

During the discussion, many issues pertained to joint spot verification/demarcation of defence land were raised and for disposal of such cases it was decided that a schedule for joint verification of all such cases shall be issued by DC office for conduct of demarcation/ joint verification in a time bound manner by joint teams of revenue, ADEO, and concerned army units by officials.

It was also observed that at a few locations, spot verification is very difficult. It was decided that ADEO, Tehsildars and concerned

officers of the Army units shall examine the issues and proceed further accordingly.

In the meeting, the army representatives also raised issues of violation of Works of Defence Act (WODA)/ NOC guidelines. The chair viewed the matter seriously and the concerned tehildars were directed to strictly ensure that no such violation takes place on the ground in future.

Several cases of delayed rental compensations were also brought in where appropriate directions were issued to the concerned officers and officials for speedy disposal of the cases.

Lastly, directions were issued to all the Tehsildars/ Revenue Officials to speed up disposal of all the held up issues and cases so that genuine land owners get their compensation on time.

Udhampur Admn celebrates Iconic Week Festival at Mansar

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UDHAMPUR: As part of the celebration of Iconic week festival being held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav (Saadi Birasat) Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with District Administration Udhampur and Mansar Development Authority organised a series of events here at fames Surinsar and Mansar Lakes.

Deputy Commissioner Indu Kanwal Chib was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

A series of sports and cultural events were held during the day long event. Youth talent hunt, Live youth band and a musical evening featuring famous Dogri Folk songs 'Khand mithay log dogray' & "Thanda paani peendey paharaen de Log" sung by famous singers were centre of attraction of the Iconic festival

Earlier, Mountain Terrain Bike Rally was flagged off at Surinsar by CEO Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority, Dr Gurvinderjeet Singh in presence of officers of Tourism and other departments.

Dogri Cuisine stalls were also put up by the

Tourism Department and locals were another special attraction of the programme. Enthralling cultural and musical performances by popular artists and famous singers of Jammu Division were highly appreciated by the audiences with repeated rounds of applause. Group and solo song competition for Students & local artists was another highlight of the event which left the audience spellbound.

Briefing the media persons, the DC said that the main objective of celebration of the Iconic week is to attract major tourist footfall to the area. She added that the Mansar and Surinsar are two most prominent tourist destinations near the city of temples Jammu having historic pilgrimage as well heritage sites located amid rich flora and fauna. She added that the Iconic week celebration festival, a unique initiative by UT J&K, aims to promote the tourism potential of the places which offers a blend of leisure, adventure and religious tourism. Later, the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur distributed mementoes among the participants.

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