

Shantanu Thakur visits district Samba, assesses development works

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SAMBHA: As part of Union Government's Public Outreach Programme in J&K, Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur on Saturday visited border district Samba and assessed the pace of development works across various sectors.

While interacting with the public representatives, the Minister said that the government is committed to develop Jammu and Kashmir on all fronts and every sector will be given due importance for the welfare of the people.

The Minister also said that the government is ensuring that the benefits of all the centrally sponsored schemes must reach the last man in the last queue in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Minister while assessing the development works across the district said that the development across all the sectors has been accelerated be that the development of highways, power projects,



Union Minister Shantanu Thakur handing over certificate to a mother.

sports infrastructure etc.

The Minister also inspected the departmental stalls of different line departments including Social Welfare, ICDS, Horticulture, AYUSH, Agriculture, Handicrafts, Handloom, Industries etc. The Minister emphasized upon the officers that the awareness programs must be organized so that the people get to know about various centrally sponsored schemes.

The Minister also e-inaugurated various development works including construction of deep

drain at Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana under drainage sector having project cost of 271.00 lacs, Construction of 04 link Roads, 02 RCC Bridge Spans, 01 vented causeway total amounting to 2268.5 lacs.

Thakur also distributed sanction letters among beneficiaries of Mumkin Scheme, Ladli Beti Scheme, PMEGP scheme, Handicrafts, Handloom, Landpass Books under Digital India Initiative and 03 E-Rikshaws were also distributed among the beneficiaries.

Later, the minister while inspecting the Dry Port Samba informed that the Inland Container Depot (Dry Port) being set up by Associated Container Terminal Ltd (ACTL) for felicitation of domestic and international trade will pace up the Industrial growth in J&K and will generate numerous job opportunities for the youth.

The Minister also visited Sub-Division Ghagwal wherein District Development Council members, Block Development Council members, Sarpanchs projected demands and development aspirations.

During the visit the Minister was accompanied by District Development Council Chairman Keshav Dutt Sharma, Vice Chairman DDC Balwan Singh, Deputy Commissioner Samba Anuradha Gupta, Transport Commissioner Rahul Sharma, MD SIDCO, Samita Sethi, Director Handicrafts Handloom Jammu, BTO Jammu, DDC members, RDC Chairman and PRI members.

Commissioner Secretary Forests reviews Special Summary Revision in Rajouri, Poonch

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RAJOURI: Commissioner Secretary Forests, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma, who is also the Electoral Roll Observer for twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch, today chaired an officers' meeting to review progress on Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to October 1, 2022 as the qualifying date.

The meeting had a detailed discussion regarding the progress achieved under Special Summary Revision process in the districts, so far.

While addressing the meeting, Commissioner Secretary instructed the concerned officers to conduct revision strictly in accordance with the Election Commission of India guidelines and schedule with timely completion. He asked the officers to ensure that every youth above the age of 18 years or having attained the age of 18



Com Secy Forests, Sanjeev Verma chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

years as on October 01, 2022 shall enroll themselves and exercise his/her right to vote which is possible only if every eligible person is registered as a voter. Sanjeev Verma exhorted upon the concerned officers to be vigilant while making addition of new voters and left out voters as well besides deletion of duplicate voters to avoid errors and completion of the process before the due date. He also directed the officers to further issue instructions to all the officers and officials associated with the SSR to work with dedication to complete the exercise in a time bound manner with

100 percent enrolment of eligible voters.

Commissioner Secretary also stressed the concerned to work in tandem to increase the percentage of enrolment in the district. Sanjeev Verma also interacted with the BLOs during the meeting and asked them to remain stationed at their Booth level offices on scheduled dates and conduct door to door visits to ensure that all eligible persons are registered as voters at the earliest. Among others the meeting was attended by District Election Officer Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, EROs and AEROs.

Workshop on major security challenges in emerging 5G technology concluded at PTTI Vijaypur



A police officer speaking during the programme.

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VIJAYPUR: The two days Police Workshop on "Major Security Challenges in view of emerging 5G Technology" concluded at Central University of Jammu on Saturday.

The workshop was organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in collaboration with Central University of Jammu, Department of National Security Studies for police officers on the directions of Shri Dilbag Singh, DGP J&K, after rolling out of 5G Technology by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Various Police offi-

cers from all over the J&K UT participated in the Workshop.

In the valedictory address, Vivek Gupta, DIG Traffic Range Jammu with additional Charge of DIG Jammu-Kathua-Samba Range briefed about merits and demerits of 5G Technology. DIG Traffic Range laid emphasis that the police personnel should be skilled with handling investigation of Cyber Crime and other issues related to it. Lateron, DIG Traffic and Dr. Abhishek Mahajan-IPS, SSP Samba distributed certificates to the participants. Dr. J. Jaganaathan,

Assistant Professor & Head, Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu coordinated the Conference besides also briefed the participants about security challenges in view of emerging 5G technology. Khalil Ahmed Poswal, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked the authorities of Central University and other eminent speakers for sparing their precious time and sharing valuable experience with the participants.

Earlier, Nisheth Dixit, Advocate and Cyber Law Consultant, New Delhi, Dr. Abhishek Vaish, Assistant Professor, IIT Allahabad, Dr. Vinita Sharma, Assistant Professor, CUJ, Dr. Misbah Shafi, Research Associate, ISRO CUJ, Mr. Chetan Patel, Nodal Officer, Barti Airtel Ltd. J&K delivered impressive lectures to the participants on relevant topics. Dr. Neeta, Assistant Professor, National Security Studies, CUJ presented the Vote of Thanks on the occasion.

DC Doda inspects feasibility for access roads to different localities

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DODA: Responding to the representations/ demands of the public of Mohalla Dandyan, Lower Nagri and Tondwah area for access roads, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Saturday visited these localities to assess the feasibility of the demands.

He visited the spots along with ADC, Dr R K Bharti, Tehsildar, Shabir Ahmed Malik, Executive Engineer PWD Rafeeq Ahmed and others.

The DC met with ward members and the general public, listened to the issues and demands of Dandyan Mohalla, Tondwah Mohalla and Lower Nagri Mohalla. He urged the general public to donate the land to facilitate the execution of roads to their localities. He directed the executing agencies to submit the feasibility report in consultation with Revenue authorities and prepare DPR of the feasible projects.

Ashok Koul chairs meet of BJP activists in Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: Ashok Koul, General Secretary organization BJP JK UT on Saturday chaired organizational meet of BJP activists in B-JP District office Akhnoor. In the meeting, Koul took review of the electoral process going in the district Akhnoor & role of BJP activists in that. Elected members gave their briefing regarding their efforts in making this exercise beneficial for the party.

Ashok Koul while interacting with the B-JP team members, asked them to make the process of addition of votes, deletion of votes & Adhaar linking of votes, an exercise to mission mode to gear up for the upcoming elections.

He also suggested that BJP activists identified as volunteers (VLA 1) should visit the respective booths of their respective areas to understand the voters difficulties & act as helping hand in their enrollment & adhar linking process.

The meet was attended by Sham Lal Sharma (Vice President BJP J.K U.T), Brijeshwar Singh Rana (



General Secretary Organization BJP JK UT, Ashok Koul chairing meeting at Akhnoor.

Prabhari BJP Akhnoor), Dr Krishan Lal (Former MLA Chhamb), Daljeet Singh(Former Vice Chairman Kissan Advisory Board), Jagdish Bhagat (B-JP District President Akhnoor), Suresh Malhotra (executive member B-JP J.K U.T), Narendra Singh Bhau (Executive member BJP J.K), Sharda Bhau (DDC), Suresh Sharma (DDC), Bhushan Bral (DDC), BDC chairpersons mainly Neha Rajput , Sushma Devi, & Nisha Bhagat, Municipal committee presidents Madan Lal (Jourian), Sanjay Saraf (Akhnoor), Deputy Ram (khour), Sobha Ram (District General Secretary) block presidents including Sham Singh(Akhnoor),

Ram Lal(Maira Mandrian), BD Sharma(Chowki Choura), Manga Ram(Jourian), Jagan Nath(Kharah Balli), Sukhdev Singh (khour) & Balwinder Singh(Pargwal), Morecha Presidents comprising Rajat Sharma (B-JYM), Dalbir Singh Pawar (K.M), Sonia Verma (OBC Morecha), Bishan Lal (S.C Morecha), Reeta Verma (Mahila Morecha), with District committee members including Any Manhas (Vice President), Sham Sharma (Vice President), Vikram Manhas (Vice President), Baldev Raj (Vice President) B-JP Akhnoor), Kuldeep Singh(Vice President), Raj Kumar (Secretary), Rohit Sharma (

Secretary), kuldeep Banotra, Ranjit Singh (Secretary B-JYM JK), Ashish Chander (Incharge Social Media B-JP Akhnoor), K.D Sharma (Office Secretary), corporators mainly Deepak Manni, Surinder Sharma, Kuldeep Kumar, Kuldeep Kumar (13), Amita Gupta, Khema Devi, Deepak Singh(khour), Nitesh Sharma (General Secretary B-JYM Akhnoor), Raj Kumar (Cashier), with others remained present.

He also took details of addition , deletion & adhar linking of votes from the BJP activists present on the occasion.

Sham Lal Sharma while speaking on the occasion suggested measures for making this exercise more successful by saying that division of work allotted to our workers should be divided to reach to more masses, migrated voters registration process especially in chhamb constituency is on priority to increase our vote percentage in future said Sham Sharma. Jagdish Bhagat presented vote of thanks.

Open campus placement drive held at Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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HIRANAGAR: Career counselling cell and Placement cell of Govt. GLDM Degree College Hiranagar in collaboration with NIIT-IFBI conducted placement / selection drive for the relationship manager in ICICI bank with

the Salary of 2.45 to 3.1 Lakh per annum, here today in the college Campus.

In the beginning of the drive, Dr Davinder Kour Convenor of Career Counselling cell welcomed the gathering and gave a short brief about the programme.

Then Rahul Sharma, Head NIIT spoke about the need for training to join a bank and interacted with the students and spoke about the changing skillsets of bank employee. Dr Pragya Khanna Principal of the college lauded the efforts of the committee and thanked

the team from NIIT-IFBI for conducting this Placement Drive in the College to provide students with the recruitment opportunities. Approximately 32 pass out and final year students of the college participated in the drive, where in as many as 16 students were shortlisted for the preliminary round. The shortlisted students will be tested at different levels before being absorbed as Relationship managers by ICICI Bank. Prof. Ritika member of the committee, Rahul Sharma, Head NIIT, Shakun Sharma Manager, NIIT and Diksha Thakur, Coordinator were also present. Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Kiran Thapa.

Tourist destinations across Kathua have full potential of boosting J&K's economy: Col Mahan

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BASOHLI: The tourist destinations across Kathua district have the full potential of boosting J&K's economy. However, there is dire need to develop these destinations in order to attract maximum tourist footfall as well as generating new employment opportunities for the youth of the Union Territory.

This was stated by Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), local DDC & DDC Chairman Kathua while inaugurating construction work of 600 mtrs approach road from Atal Setu Road to upcoming Water Sport Academy on the bank of Ranjit Sagar Dam near Basohli Town. The road stretch is being constructed at the cost of Rs 73 Lakh by J&K Sports Council. Besides Col Mahan, BDC Chairperson Sushma Jamwal, MC President Sumesh Spolia, Officials of J&K Sports Council, local corpora-

tors, residents and youth were present in large number.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman appreciated the efforts of J&K UT Administration for developing Basohli as future tourist hub. He highlighted the potential of different types of tourism in Kathua District such as religious tourism, Adventure tourism, water sports activities, golf tourism & mesmerizing scenic views, especially in hilly region.

Stressing upon the need of the hour being development of the area, he said that there is a dire need to promote these destinations along with other such unexplored tourist destinations to increase the footfall of tourists in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Col Mahan said that the Tourism Department must formulate fast track policies to develop these destinations

from the tourism point of view. It needs to be realized by all the stakeholders that once the task of development is accomplished in the shortest possible time span, these are going to play a vital role in equitable boosting of the economy across the length and breadth of the J&K Union Territory, he added.

The DDC Chairman emphasized that if these unique tourist destinations are developed properly they can match any popular tourist destination in the country. He said that BJP Government at the Centre is fully sensitive towards the development of Jammu and Kashmir. "Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working with the agenda of holistic development of all the regions of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, besides putting in concerted efforts to meet the developmental aspirations of the people," he said.

MUSS distributes study material among students



MUSS volunteers distributing study material among students.

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UDHAMPUR: Manav Utthan Seva Samiti (MUSS) branch Nilhote District Doda on Saturday distributed study material among needy students in Govt Middle School Nilhote under Education zone Assar.

Volunteers of MUSS headed

by Mahatma Samta Bai and Mahatma Anurodh Bai distributed free study materials including copies, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and many other useful items to more than 60 students of GMS Nilhote. Later Samiti also hold Satsang programme in the premises of School wherein Bai delivered religious discourses for spiritual awakening of the society. Large number of devotees from far flung areas were present to have spiritual blessings of the learned Sadvi. Other who present were Suram Chand Thapa, Kewal Singh, Naresh Kumar, Lekh Raj, Chander Thakur, Khem Raj, Rashpal Singh, Mohan Lal, Rajinder Singh, Janit Ram, ex panch Yog Raj, Punjab Singh, Nasib Singh and many more.

Sheetal Nanda oversees ongoing updation of electoral

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KATHUA: Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, who is also designated as Observer for Electoral Rolls for Kathua district, today conducted extensive tour of Polling Stations of Kathua to oversee the ongoing Special Summary Revision exercise.

At Government Girls Higher Secondary School Kathua, the Observer enquired about the pace of updation of electoral roll from the concerned Booth Level Officers. She called for making the exercise inclusive by enrolling all the eligible voters besides making necessary updation including deletion and correction of particulars of voters.

Sheetal Nanda laid emphasis on ensuring seeding of Adhaar numbers with all new eligible voters besides making the revised electoral rolls free form discrepancies and error free.

Later, the Observer visited the GHS Logate, GHSS Sallan, GDC Hiranagar and GHSS Kootah and attended



Com Secy, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda presenting gift to a mother of girl child.

special camps being organized as part of Special Summary Revision in all the designated Polling stations of the district.

District Election Officer, Kathua, Rahul Pandey, informed that the Special Summary Revision is going on in full swing in the district besides SVEEP activities are being organized to aware the masses about their right to franchise.

Pertinently, the Special Summary Revision- 2022 is going on across all the districts of JK UT from 15 September to 25 October, 2022 wherein Booth Level

Officers along with supervisors are going door to door besides holding special camps at respective polling stations on every Saturday and Sunday falling in from 15 September to 25 October 2022.

Earlier, Commissioner Secretary kick started Jan Abhiyan activities of Kathua district by flagging off a rally as part of Beti Janamahotsav at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Kathua. She also gave away Nutritional and Baby kits among the beneficiaries.

Similar programme was

held at GDC Hiranagar where Commissioner Secretary gave away Nutritional and Baby kits among the beneficiaries of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao beneficiaries.

While speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary said the Department of Social Welfare is making efforts towards welfare and empowerment of women besides running advocacy campaigns to encourage birth of girl child so as to achieve healthy Child Sex Ratio in entire JK UT.

Worthwhile to mention here that UT administration has rolled out Jan Abhiyan; a preparatory phase for 4th edition of 'Back To Village programme' which will focus on youth skills, self-employment, good governance and Panchayati Raj along with Nasha Mukti and Rozgar Yukt Jammu and Kashmir. Project Officer ICDS, District Social Welfare Officer and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Lecture held on International Day of Rural Women & World Student Day



Army officials along with students and faculty.

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NEWSHERA: On the occasion of International Day of Rural Women and World Student Day, a lecture cum interactive session was organised at Govt Middle School, Jabba on Saturday by Army. The event showcased the achievements of prominent and successful women to motivate the women of the area to carve a niche for themselves in the society. The lecture also emphasised on the various initiatives by the State and Central Govt launched with the aim of Women Empowerment. The speaker conveyed the idea that

empowerment of women is imperative for a better tomorrow and that when we empower women, we empower the future of the society. Various initiatives of the Govt like 'Mahila-E-Haat', 'Beti Bachao Beti Padao', 'One Stop Centre Scheme', 'Working Womens Hostel' were highlighted.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which the participants also resolved their queries. The meeting culminated with all attendees appreciating the efforts being made by the Army for upliftment, development and in bringing peace and harmony to the society.

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