

Jugal holds Janta Darbar at Pargwal



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma speaking at Janta Darbar.

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KHOUR: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament BJP (Lok Sabha) Jammu-Poonch along with Former MLA Dr. Krishan Bhagat, DDC Bhushan Bral, BDC Nisha Bhagat, ADDC Ramesh Kumar held Public grievances redressal camp, Janta Darbar at village Pargwal in Khour Constituency.

Jugal Kishore Sharma listened to the problems and demands of public in re-

Havildar Virendra Sharma cremated with full state honours at Kathua

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KATHUA : Senior Havildar Virendra Kumar Sharma of IRP 19th Battalion Kathua, who belonged to Sawn Chak Kathua and passed away owing to fatal disease at GMC Jammu, was cremated with full state honours at Kathua cremation ground.

Besides, family members, kith and kin, friends, neighbours, colleagues and hundreds of prominent persons of Kathua bade adieu to the great cop.

SSP Benam Tosh Commandant IRP 19th Battalion, SP Diwaker Singh Deputy Commandant, SSP Roop Raj Principal PTS Kathua, Deputy SP Shabinder Singh, SHO Kathua O.P.Chib, Inspector Abhishek Sharma, Retd Army and Police officers and PRIs laid wreaths and gave salutes.

Havildar Virendra Kumar Sharma was appointed as Constable in J&K Armed Police in the year 1987, promoted as Selection Grade

Congress seeks timely supply of subsidized fertilizers, quality seeds to farmers

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SUNDERBANI: Senior Congress leader and former MLC Ravinder Sharma has alleged non availability of required quantity of fertilizers and quality seeds to farmers in several parts of Jammu province especially in Rajouri district and demanded immediate steps in this direction by the government.

Sharma was apprised by the farming community during his tour of Sunderbani, Kalakot and Nowshera areas about non availability of required quantity of fertilizers especially DAP besides demanding immediate availability of quality seeds of wheat as well as pulses for the season by the department. The non availability and shortage of quality seeds and required quantity of fertilizers well in tone to farmers, affects the productions and loss of income to farmers as well as ultimate rise in prices.

He also demanded compensation to farmers in the rice belt of Bimliya, Thangriote and Treyath as huge loss was caused to them during recent rains/hail stones in this belt.

He also expressed concern over lack of any response to the farmers cry about huge loss to the maize crop this year due to a particular insect disease affecting the maize crops and productions in most parts of the area.

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working with the great vision of Good Governance. He said that is it very important that a coordination should be maintained with administration, PRIs and public so that development can be executed up to grass root levels. He said that Public re-addressal camps should be arranged after certain time limits so that many problems of the public can be re-addressed on spot.

ADDCC Ramesh Kumar, SDM Khour, ACD, Chief Agriculture Officer, DPO, Executive Engineer PWD, JPDC, Irrigation, Flood Control, AD Fisheries, Dy. CEO, ZEO, Tehsildar, CDPO, TSO, Sarpanches Kashmir Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Om Parkash, Ram Saroop, Poli Devi, Jashpal and Panches and other officers of concerned depts. were present on the occasion.

GDC Khour conducts cleanliness drive at Kaleeth



NSS volunteers of GDC Khour carrying out cleanliness drive at village Kaleeth.

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KHOUR: NSS unit of GDC Khour undertook Cleanliness drive at Village Kaleeth of Panchayat Kaleeth, Block Khour under Mega Swachhta Abhiyan. This programme was part of the month-long activities being conducted under the aegis of Clean India Campaign 20. NSS volunteers cleaned the areas surrounding the water body (pond) at Kaleeth. Village repre-

sentative Naili Sarpanch, Romesh Lal, Panch, Girdhari Lal and Panch Yousaf Masi were present during this cleanliness drive. About 70 volunteers collected around 280 Kgs of waste including large amounts of plastic and solid/wet waste material. This programme was organised by NSS Programme Officer Gurvinder Kour under the guidance of Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr) T K Sharma.

CAO Kathua inspects Paddy Procurement Centres in Kathua District

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KATHUA: Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Kathua, Sanjeev Rai Gupta, inspected Procurement centres/Mandies of Palli, Jakhbar and Nagri which are operational in Kathua District.

Upon his visit, CAO instructed the staff deployed in the Procurement Mandies to take all necessary steps such as maintenance of machinery and equipment, maintenance of record at procurement centres for smooth and hassle free functioning of centres.

He also appealed to the farmers to bring their produce to the nearest procurement centre after obtaining registration number, thereby avoiding middlemen.

The Govt. of India has listed Minimum Support Price (MSP) of refined Paddy at Rs.2060/quintal and Rs. 2040.00/quintal for non-refined paddy.

He said, opening of Procurement centres and procurement at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by FCI also avoids distress sale of farmer's produce.

He also said, 2.51 lakh quintal of paddy was procured in the previous Kharif Season of 2021. During the Kharif 2022 season, department has fixed a record estimate



CAO Kathua, Sanjeev Gupta, inspected Procurement centres/Mandies.

target of 3.00 lakh quintals of paddy procurement. This is possible due to rise in area under paddy cultivation from 28339.00 ha in Kharif 2021 to 28862.00 ha in Kharif 2022 with an average productivity of 37.2 Quintals/ ha.

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