

BJP leaders Sham, Chander Mohan address public grievances at Weekly Darbar

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BHADERWAH: BJP Vice-President and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, along with Vice-President and former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Secretary VikasChoudhary, and Swachh Bharat AbhiyanIncharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, held their weekly Public Darbar at the party headquarters in Jammu. They attentively listened to the grievances of a significant number of people from various regions of the Union Territory (UT). The BJP leaders patiently heard their concerns and promptly raised each issue with senior officials from the relevant departments for swift resolution.

Sham Lal Sharma expressed his satisfaction that people were expressing gratitude for the assistance provided in resolving their problems. He emphasized that a large number of people visit the party office daily with their grievances, and every possible effort is made to provide them relief



BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma listening to public issues.

as soon as possible. He noted that the BJP's Public Darbar is proving to be a valuable resource for those in need, which is a point of pride for the party.

Chander Mohan Gupta stated that the BJP is committed to practical work and does not engage in mere sloganeering. He emphasized that every leader and activist of the party is dedicated to serving the people.

VikasChoudhary highlighted that people from all sections of society

have benefited from the Public Darbar hearings, and there is a widespread perception that the BJP genuinely safeguards the interests of the people.

Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal pointed out that the BJP's Public Darbar has become a platform for people to address their problems, with most issues being resolved promptly, providing significant relief to those in distress.

ADGP Armed J&K honours JKP Water Sports Team for winning bronze medal

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SRINAGAR: S.J.M Gillani-IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Armed) in Jammu and Kashmir, felicitated the members of the J&K Police Water Sports team for their outstanding performance. The team secured a Bronze medal in the Open National Canoe Sprint Senior Men & Women Championship-2023, which was recently held at Tehri Lake, TehriGarhwal (Uttarakhand) from 14th to 17th September, 2023.

A total of 32 teams from across the country participated in the championship, and the J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association sponsored a contingent of 09 members from J&K (Union Territory). This contingent included 04 players from the J&K Police Water Sports team and their coach, SgtShowkat Ahmad. The overall supervision of the team was conducted by KuldeepHandoo, DySP (Sports) APHQ, and Ram Singh, Inspector (In-charge of J&K Police Mountain Rescue Team). In the C-4 (200 meters) event, Ct. ShowkatHussain, SPO Moisar Ahmad, SPO AquibHussain, and SPO IdreesHussain excelled and brought home the



S.J.M Gillani, ADGP (Armed) along with members of the J&K Police Water Sports team.

Bronze Medal.

During a felicitation ceremony held at APHQ J&K Srinagar, ADGP Armed J&K S.J.M. Gillani-IPS congratulated the medal-winning members of the J&K Police Water Sports team and extended his best wishes for their future endeavors.

The ceremony was attended by Mahmood Ahmed, SSP Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K, Syed SajadHussain, Private Secretary to ADGP Armed J&K, Ab. Hamid Dy.SP (Personnel) APHQ, KuldeepHandooDySP (Sports) APHQ, as well as the coach and members of the J&K Police Water Sports team.

Shiv Sena urges Shrine Board to establish Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra circuit, enhance security measures

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KATRA: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit expressed satisfaction with the inauguration of the skywalk facility for devotees on the first day of Navratri at the world-famous Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra. They urged the Shrine Board to further develop the Bhumika Temple in Katra, Deva Mai Temple, and other nearby ancient temples. Additionally, they called for the creation of a yatra circuit connecting all these ancient temples, facilitating visits to these places, and ensuring robust security arrangements for devotees in anticipation of the upcoming Navratras.

Manish Sahni, the State President of Shiv Sena, addressed a press conference in Katra, where he mentioned that a delegation of state leaders, led by him, had met with Ajay Salan, Deputy CEO of Shri



Manish Sahni, Shiv Sena (UBT) State President briefing media.

Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. During the meeting, they expressed their appreciation for the facilities being provided by the Shrine Board to visiting devotees and presented a memorandum outlining their demands.

Sahni highlighted that AnshulGarg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board,

had already agreed to all the demands put forth.

Additionally, Sahni revealed that the 41st pilgrimage organized by Shiv Sena would have a mythological theme. This sacred pilgrimage would begin as a procession from the historic Raghunath Temple in Jammu on October 14th, passing through significant shrines

like KaolKandoli and Deva Mai Temple before reaching Katra. On the auspicious day of Navratri, i.e., October 15th, a ceremonial puja would be conducted with all due rituals in the holy cave of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Sahni urged devotees to wholeheartedly participate in this pilgrimage, seeking the blessings of MaaVaishno Devi. He also called upon other organizations with similar interests and devotees associated with Shiv Sena to join hands in making this pilgrimage a great success.

Among those present at the press conference were General Secretary VikasBakshi, Vice President SanjeevKohli, President Kamghar Raj Singh, Youth Secretary Rajesh Handa, District Reasi President Ashwani Kumar, Suman Badu, Aryan Pranam, Vipin Sharma, Sanjay Kumar, Vinod Sharma, Ajay Kumar, and Atul Sharma."

GDC Ramnagar concludes workshop on basic computer skills

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JAMMU: GDC Ramnagar recently concluded a 15-hour workshop, spanning 12 days, dedicated to imparting Basic Computer Skills to the college students. The Department of Computer Applications, in collaboration with the IT cell and IQAC of the College, organized this training program under the guidance and patronage of the esteemed College Principal, Dr.Bhavnaish Chand.

The primary objective of the workshop was to provide fundamental computer knowledge to students who had little to no prior experience with computers. Approximately 30 students participated in the workshop, where they learned the basics of computer usage and practiced its general applications for everyday tasks.

Dr.Bhavnaish Chand, the College Principal, delivered closing remarks to the participants, emphasizing the significance of acquiring digital technology skills



Faculty members along with participant students.

in today's modern world. He highlighted the need for more such workshops and commended the organizing team for their efforts. He encouraged students to actively participate in future learning programs. Certificates were also awarded to the participants by the College Principal as a token of recognition.

The valedictory function was conducted by Dr.SonamGandotra, Assistant Professor of Computer

Applications. The workshop's resource persons included Prof. Aditya Sharma, Prof.Mushtaq Ahmed, Parveen Sharma, Prof.Anice Ahmed, and Dr.SonamGandotra. Prof.Aditya Sharma, the Head of the Computer Department, expressed gratitude in the vote of thanks. Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, the Head of the Physics Department, and Prof.Brinder Kumar, Convener IQAC, were also in attendance.

KVK Kishtwar conducts Field Day on Paddy Crop Management



KVK officials along with farmers during the programme.

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KISHTWAR: KrishiVigyan Kendra (KVK) Kishtwar, affiliated with SKUAST Jammu, organized a field day dedicated to the scientific cultivation and management of paddy crops. This event took place in the villages of Pranzil and Sigdi in the MugalMaidan Tehsil of the district. The programs were conducted in the farmers' fields

under the expert guidance of Dr. SK Gupta, Director Extension SKUAST Jammu. Dr.Narinder Paul, Incharge of KVK Kishtwar, led the programs, which saw the participation of 80 farmers, farm women, and rural youth. During the event, KVK demonstrated the scientific paddy cultivation technologies introduced during the Kharif season in

2023. The participants engaged in discussions about these technologies and shared their observations and experiences. The farmers expressed high satisfaction with the potential for increased paddy production, protection, and management offered by these technologies.

Mohd.Ayub, a demonstrator farmer from Village Sigdi, shared that the adoption of these technologies had resulted in increased paddy production this year, showcasing the positive impact of the demonstrations. Numerous individuals, including VidhyaLal, Suresh Kumar, Ashwani Kumar, Nath Ram, MohdIqbalKhandey, Sharda Devi, Bimla Devi, Lal Chand, Suresh Kumar, Atta Mohd, and others, actively participated in the program.

RDD, Education Department organise cleanliness drives, awareness rallies in ABP Blocks, Ramban



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AKHNOOR: The Rural Development Department (RDD) in Ramban organized a series of activities under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mussarat Islam. These initiatives were dedicated to maintaining cleanliness and sanitation in various areas, including homes, government offices, public places, schools, health institutions, markets, streets, and their surroundings in the Khari block, which is covered under the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) along with 500 other blocks across the country.

On the third day of SankalpSaptaah, students from various schools, including Government High School Khari, Government Middle School Mandakbas, and Government Middle School Nachlana, actively participated in cleanliness drives conducted in their schools and the Khari Market. They also took part in awareness rallies organized by RDD in collaboration with the Education Department.

The students played a crucial role in sensitizing people about the importance of main-

taining cleanliness and hygienic conditions in homes and workplaces, as well as in their surroundings. They encouraged shopkeepers and others working in the market to ensure cleanliness and hygiene in and around their shops. Additionally, the departments organized painting competitions on cleanliness in schools to instill behavioral changes in the younger generation.

The program aimed to ensure that people benefit from essential services while discouraging littering and garbage dumping. It also raised awareness about solid waste management and liquid waste management facilities established in the panchayats of Block Khari. Similar programs were conducted in Block Gundi-Dhram, Ukhral, and Gandhri, which are part of the Aspirational Block Development Programme initiated by the government.

Towards the end, participants took the Swachhata Hi Seva pledge, committing to regularly practice cleanliness and sanitation behaviors."

UIET Kathua Campus (JU), Shardeum host transformative workshop on blockchain & Web3 for students



Campus faculty members along with students during after the workshop.

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JAMMU: The University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, in collaboration with Shardeum, organized an industrial workshop on "Blockchain and Web3" for its students. The workshop featured ChiragRavishankar, Community Manager at Shardeum, who shared his extensive knowledge and experience in blockchain and Web3 technology.

During the workshop, Ravishankar covered the fundamentals of blockchain technology and discussed its real-world applications and transformative potential. He highlighted the significance of blockchain in revolutionizing various industries such as finance, healthcare, and supply

chain management. Additionally, participants were introduced to the concept of Web3, which represents the next phase of the internet, characterized by decentralization and user-centric applications. Ravishankar encouraged students to see themselves as pioneers in the Web3 space and emphasized the numerous opportunities it offers for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr.MeenakshiKilam, Rector of Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, praised the collaborative effort between UIET and Shardeum in organizing the workshop. She emphasized UIET's commitment to providing students with hands-on experiences and exposure to emerging technologies. Dr.Kilam also highlighted the workshop's role in creating a collaborative and inclu-

sive environment for networking and fostering curiosity and exploration among students.

Dr.SourabhShastri, I/C Coordinator of UIET, Kathua Campus (JU), welcomed the resource person and highlighted that the workshop provided participants with an introduction to the latest tools and technologies shaping the future of blockchain and Web3.

Raghav Sharma, a student of B.Tech. CSE 5th semester, coordinated the entire program, while JatyamBillawaria, also a student of B.Tech. CSE 5th semester, delivered a vote of thanks. The workshop was attended by both faculty members and students on campus, further enhancing their understanding of blockchain and Web3 technology.

IRP Range Jammu's DIG Sarah Rizvi pays visit to Kathua's IRP-19th Battalion

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SAMBHA: Sarah Rizvi-IPS, the Deputy Inspector General of Police for IRP Range Jammu, paid a visit to the IRP-19th Battalion Headquarters in Kathua. Dr.Koshal Kumar Sharma-IPS, the Commandant of IRP-19th Battalion, warmly welcomed DIG Mam at the Battalion Headquarters, where a Guard of Honour was presented to the chief guest. During the visit, a darbar was convened to address the grievances of officers and Jawans, with assurance from DIG Rizvi that the welfare matters of the Jawans would be given top priority. Commandant Sharma of IRP-19th Battalion delivered a formal welcome address and highlighted the unit's role, current deployment, and specific requirements at the unit level. Additionally, various activities undertaken by the unit were also discussed.

As part of the occasion, a plantation drive, in continuation of the



'MeriMaatiMeraDesh' Campaign, was organized. The Chief guest, DIG Rizvi, planted saplings of Sukhchain trees in the presence of other officers and Jawans. The event also featured Volleyball and Tug of War matches between the unit's players, with the winning team receiving cash rewards

and commendation certificates on the spot. DIG Rizvi and other officers joined the Jawans for a "BadaKhana" to boost their morale. Several distinguished officers and officials attended the event, including Roop Raj-SSP Principal PTS Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal

SSP Kathua, Paramjit Singh Adl. SP Kathua, Koshal Kumar SP Jail Kathua, Karanvir Singh-SP Dy.CO, Rajinder Singh Rahi-SP Dy.CO, Ashok Kumar-Dy.SP, Insp. Abhisheak Sharma, Insp. Varinder Singh, Insp. Gulzar Ahmad, among others.