

Shiv Sena opens grievances, support centres in Udhampur, Reasi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** UDHAMPUR: /REASI: Shiv Sena Bala Sahab Thackeray Jammu and Kashmir unit has opened two another Grievances and Support Centres in Udhampur and Reasi districts in continuation of the campaign to open complaint and assistance centers in every district and tehsil of Jammu and Kashmir. These centers were jointly inaugurated by Party State President Manish Sahni and Women Wing President Meenakshi Chhibber.

Sahni said that due to lack of restoration of democratic government in Jammu and Kashmir, people are unable to get relief on the common issue. He said that for the purpose of providing relief to the public, Shiv Sena has decided

to open a complaint and assistance center. Sahni said that he fully hopes that the Jammu and Kashmir administration will extend its full cooperation in this task and the dream of making Jammu and Kashmir a corruption-free state and better governance will be realized. He said that all the leaders of Shiv Sena have also been instructed to connect with the people on the ground and extend in every possible support to common masses in resolving their issues.

Sahni appealed to the public to convey all their grievances to the complaint and assistance centers and their grievances will be resolved in a time bound manner. He said that strict action will be sought by taking the complaints against

the corrupt government officials to the Lieutenant Governor and Advisors of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sahni also issued 9797677382, 6005770345 for Udhampur and 6005787599 and 70511474040 mobile numbers for Reasi district for registration of complaints.

On the occasion, President Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Secretary Raj Singh and Udhampur District President, Sanjeev Kumar, District president Reasi Bhuri Singh, Parbati Reasi Manju Ram, Uttam Singh, Pooja Rani, Balbir Singh, Mumbarak Singh, Manjoor Hussain, Neelam Singh, Sanjay Kr, Ram Singh, Sudesh Shin, Mukesh Singh were present.

Spike in COVID-19 cases: DDC Udhampur reviews control measures

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** UDHAMPUR: In view of sudden spike in COVID-19 cases in the district, District Development Commissioner, Udhampur Dr Piyush Singla today chaired a meeting with officers of Health Department to discuss reinforcement of healthcare and control measures.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. K C Dogra gave a brief about the COVID-19 scenario in the District. He informed that there are 400 active positive cases in the district of which 358 are under home isolation, 39 are in Covid Care Centres in the District and 03 patients have been admitted in the District hospital.

The CMO informed that 280 health teams have been deployed in the field for Covid-19 management, surveillance and aggressive contact tracing. He added that

24 health teams are deployed for sample collection in six zones of the district.

The DDC asked the CMO to prepare PHC and ward wise roster for sample collection, while Medical Superintendent was directed to carry out sanitization of the District Hospital and ensure 100% sample collection during OPD. In order to sensitize the public of the district about the COVID-19 disease, he asked the CMO to immediately start the IEC activities in Urban as well as rural area.

The DDC stressed upon the health department to evolve an effective containment strategy with special thrust on early detection of infected cases. The need to adopt effective strategy to control the infection in rural areas was particularly stressed upon.

‘BJP indifferent towards issues concerning youth’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** NOWSHERA: Flaying BJP for not exhibiting a serious concern towards the issues of J&K youth particularly the ever growing rate of unemployment, social activist Noval Sharma said that the ruling party has failed to frame a proper policy to generate jobs for the unemployed.

In a statement issued here today, Noval Sharma said that the J&K youth had high hopes of getting job opportunities after Article 370 was abrogated from the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state but more than a year has passed and there are no signs of employment opportunities for lakhs

of highly qualified unemployed youth of J&K who are forced to sit idle at homes.

"It is a pity that several youth after qualifying NET and SET are unable to get a suitable job to earn a livelihood," he said, adding that the BJP always made tall promises to provide jobs to the youth and address their issues but so far it has failed miserably to live upto their expectations.

Sharma said that the indifferent attitude of the government towards qualified youth is creating problems for their sustainability as without jobs in their hands they are getting frustrated. He said that due to the lacu-

nae in the policy framework the government has failed to fill any post under KAS cadre since 2014.

Sharma said that the promise of providing 2 crore jobs per year to unemployed youth made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proved to be a farce and a cruel joke with the jobless persons since the BJP led Government at the Centre was unable to create ample job opportunities.

Sharma said that it is high time that the government wakes up from its deep slumber and frame an employment policy viz a viz to address and take a serious note of the issues concerning youth.

DDC Rajouri discusses arrangements for Red Cross Mela

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** RAJOURI: The arrangements for the smooth conduct of Red Cross Mela were today discussed here at a meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Mohammad Nazir Sheikh.

After a threadbare discussion, it was decided that the Mela shall be conducted on December 28, 2020. The concerned were directed to make all the necessary arrangements for the Mela well in time.

The DDC said that the objective of the Mela is to highlight the fundamental principles of the Red Cross movement which include humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary services, unity and universality. He said that it is the social responsibility of both administration and public both to raise funds for Red Cross society so that the poor and needy people could be provided

relief.

The DDC stressed on greater involvement of social organizations and youth in extending services to downtrodden and those facing distress due to manmade or natural calamities, besides providing services to destitute, orphans and needy people.

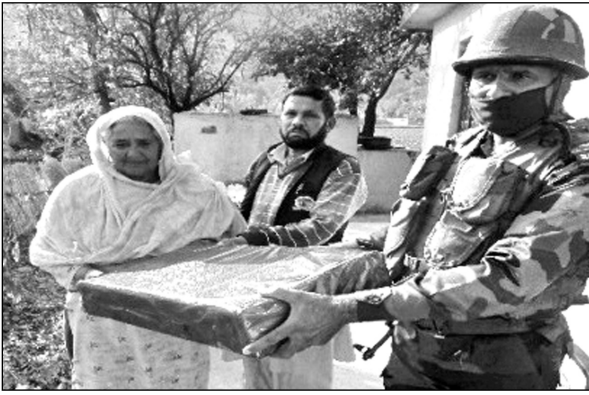
The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sher Singh; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Anees Altaf Nabi; Principal GHHS Rajouri, Abdul Raof Dar; District Social Welfare Officer, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; Executive Engineer, PWD Rajouri, Mohammad Zubair; Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed; Executive Engineer, PDD Rajouri, Mumshi Khan; District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Mohd Yousif Lone and DySP, Latief Chowdhary.

Poonch Link-Up Day celebrated

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** POONCH: Poonch Link Up Day is celebrated every year on 22 November with active participation from Army, Civil Administration and local populace to commemorate the historic 'Link Up' of 1948, and the sacrifices made by the soldiers, as also, locals during the siege of Poonch.

The Event witnessed a rejuvenating atmosphere that commenced with remembering our fallen 'Heroes' at the 'Ajote Memorial' and 'Naman Sthal' on 21 and 22 November. Thereafter an interaction was held with various civil dignitaries and Ex-Servicemen of Poonch District on issues of futuristic support by the Army towards meeting local aspirations.

In order to recognize the supreme sacrifice made by the people who were instrumental in achieving this feat, the families of the martyrs



An army officer handing over gift to a Veer Nari.

were felicitated on this momentous occasion. Gas Stoves were distributed to ESM / Veer Naris / Widows at their respective houses since ESM rally could not be held to avoid congregation as a precautionary measure towards COVID -19 pandemic. A total of 27 ESM / Veer Naris / Widows were felicitated. Army thanked all Officials

and Ex-servicemen for their participation towards the 'Event'. All due COVID-19 precautions were adhered to during the celebration of this historic event.

World Philosophy Day celebrated in SMVDU

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KATRA: The School of Philosophy & Culture of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, celebrated World Philosophy Day. Prof. R.S. Misra, Ex-Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, SMVDU, was the special invitee on the day. On this occasion, the School organized a discussion on the ideas of Socrates' grand disciple Aristotle (c. 384-322 BCE). Dr. Anil Tewari, Head of the School, welcomed all the invitees and participants.

The discussion was initiated by Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, Asst. Prof., School of Philosophy and Culture. The participants of the discussion included Prof. Misra, Dr. Tewari, Dr. M.M. Chaturvedi, Dr. Simran Raina, and a B. Tech student Sagun Gupta. The other participants belonged to various Schools of the University.

The day is speculative birth anniversary of the Greek philosopher Socrates (c. 470 - 399 BCE). The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

Advisor Baseer Khan reviews DDC election, winter preparedness in Pulwama, Shopian

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** PULWAMA: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan, on Monday visited Pulwama district to review the arrangements being put in place by the district administration for smooth conduct of upcoming District Development Council and Panchayat by-elections.

During the meeting, Advisor also reviewed winter preparedness of the twin districts of Pulwama and Shopian.

Deputy Commissioners of Pulwama and Shopian informed the Advisor about the measures being put in place by the administration to ensure smooth conduct of election process especially preparedness for distribution, collection and counting of votes and provisions of security to contesting candidates.

Meanwhile, the meeting was informed about the foolproof arrangements made by the district administrations to meet any eventuality during harsh winter conditions. It was apprised that men and machinery has been kept in a position of readiness especially in far-flung areas of both the districts. It was also informed that a 24*7 control rooms have been established to mitigate grievances of the public during win-

ters besides sufficient stock has been dumped at various locations which otherwise remain inaccessible during heavy snowfall.

Advisor also reviewed the status of election preparations including location of polling stations, establishment of strong rooms, election training, deployment and return of polling staff. He directed the officers to formulate a proper plan for power supply at all polling stations and ensure availability of gen sets wherever necessary.

Advisor directed the concerned officers to ensure availability of all basic amenities at the designated polling stations including uninterrupted power and water supply and toilet points besides making proper heating arrangements. He asked for keeping ration and LPG available at polling stations wherever required. He also directed for preparing a comprehensive Snow Clearance Plan for all roads leading to polling booths in both the districts especially in far-flung areas besides making proper arrangements for accommodation of candidates, polling staff, police and security personnel.

Meanwhile, Advisor directed the concerned to ensure availability of buffer stock of transformers in case of damage to

transformers. He also directed PDD officials to conduct enforcement drives to check the electricity theft in their respective areas. He directed officers to keep electricity available at hospitals and other essential service providing institutions. He asked the officials of line departments particularly PDD department to establish well equipped control room for facilitating the public and providing them timely information and assistance during the winter season.

The Advisor said that there is need for effective coordination among all the concerned Departments for effective implementation of the master plan for snow clearance. He directed the officers to remain available to people for early redressal of public grievances and stay at Headquarters for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; P.K. Pole; Inspector General of Police, Vijay Kumar; District Development Commissioner; Pulwama, Dr Raghav Langer, District Development Commissioner; Shopian Chowdhary Mohd Yaseen and other senior officers and officials of concerned departments.

Election, winter preparedness reviewed in Anantnag

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** ANANTNAG: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan, on Monday reviewed election and winter preparedness of district administrations of Anantnag and Kulgam.

The Advisor was informed that all arrangements including deployment of manpower, training of polling staff, communication plan, transportation plan, lodging, water, electricity, heating arrangements, toilet medical and ramp facilities at all the polling stations have been put in place for smooth conduct of elections in both the districts.

Advisor was also informed that a robust mechanism is in place for snow clearance for which adequate number of snow cutters and other machinery have been kept in a readiness mode at all the

Tehsil Headquarters and vulnerable spots in both the districts. Besides, disaster management centres along the National Highway and other vulnerable spots have been fully equipped with all requisite facilities to tackle any situation arising due to bad weather. Also, buffer stock of all the essentials including ration, LPG and medicine are available in both

the districts. He also asked the for ensuring strict adherence to all COVID-19 SOPs during the election process.

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COVID-19: Govt evacuates 9, 60,166 stranded residents

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has evacuated about 9,60,166 JK residents, stranded in other parts of the country due to COVID lockdown, via Lakhanpur and through special trains and buses till date amid strict observance of all necessary guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures.

As per the official data received on Monday in this regard, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has received 155 special trains at Jammu and Udhampur railway stations from different states and UTs, so far, with about 1,40,292 passengers while about 8,19,874 persons from other states and UTs including 948 from abroad have been evacuated by the government through Lakhanpur till date.

As per the detailed breakup of the figures, about 10616 stranded passengers have entered through Lakhanpur from November 22 to November 23 mornings while 134 trains have reached Jammu with a total of 1,24,596 stranded passengers belonging to different districts so far while 15,696 passengers have reached Udhampur in 21 special trains, so far.

Three nabbed with over 60 kg poppy straw, Rs 30,000 cash

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Police on Monday nabbed three drug peddlers in separate actions and recovered over 60 Kg poppy straw and Rs 30,000 cash from their possession.

Details revealed that a party from Police Post Narwal led by Incharge Police Post SI Vikas Jasrotia, while on Naka duty near cut point towards RTO Office, Transport Yard Narwal, apprehended a person

namely Gurmeet Singh, son of Joginder Singh, resident of Karan Bagh, Jammu, on a truck. On search of vehicle, 51 Kg poppy straw and Rs 30,000 cash was recovered. He was arrested on the spot and a case vide FIR No. 315/2020 under Sections 8, 15, 25 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Meanwhile, a party of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli led by SHO Insp Rajesh Khajuria, while on Naka duty at Suketar, apprehended two persons namely Tara Singh, son of Joginder Singh, resident of Bhaina Ghai Ludhiana and co-driver Mewa Singh, son of Pooran Singh, resident of Ludhiana, on a truck (PB10BF/3089). On search of vehicle,



9 Kg 500 gm poppy straw was recovered from their possession. The accused were arrested and a case was registered against them.

Absconder arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** SAMBA: Police on Monday arrested an absconder from Sunderani-Tikri, Udhampur who was evading his arrest for last 4 years after commission of crime.

As per details, a party of Samba Police effected arrest of absconder namely Sarfarosh Ahmed, son of Ghulam Abass, resident of Sunderani -Tikri, District Udhampur from Tikri, who was wanted in case registered vide FIR No. 28/2016 under Section 188 of RPC, 2/3 of PCA Act at Police Station Samba and was on run for last 4 years after commission of crime. Accordingly, the absconder was produced in the Court of law and arrest warrant issued against him got executed.

PSO of Apni party leader dies under mysterious circumstances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: A PSO posted with Apni party leader died under mysterious circumstances at Srinagar on Monday.

As per details, Showkat Ahmed, posted with Apni Party leader as PSO, fell unconscious. He was immediately shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Woman among three killed in mishap

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Three persons including a woman were killed in a road mishap at Greater Kailash on Monday.

As per details, a tanker hit a scooty in the area due to which two persons, including a woman, got injured. They were rushed to hospital where doctors declared them as brought dead. Meanwhile, a biker was hit by a vehicle in Channi Himmat area, due to which he died on the spot.

Five injured in assaults

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Five persons were injured in separate assault cases

reported here on Monday.

As per details, two groups clashed with each other during a programme at Sainik Colony as a result of which two persons got injured. The injured, identified as Vikas Bali and Dilip Kumar, residents of Bhour Camp, were rushed to hospital for treatment.

Two other persons got injured in an assault at Jhajjar Kotli and were hospitalized. They have been identified as Mohinder Kumar and Sachin Kumar, residents of Krishna Nagar. Meanwhile, Shabir Ahmed was also got injured in an assault at Samba.

Woman dies of burn injuries

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KATHUA: A woman died of burn injuries in Basholi area on Monday.

As per details, Baby Kumari, wife of Rakesh Kumar, resident of Basholi received burn injuries in her house and was shifted to hospital, where she succumbed. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Vehicle falls into Chenab, rescue operation on

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** BANIHAL: A vehicle fell into Chenab river in Ramban district and was swept away on Monday evening, prompting authorities to launch a rescue operation, police said.

It was not immediately known how many persons were in vehicle, which was going to Kashmir along Jammu-Srinagar national highway. The vehicle was swept away by strong current after falling into river, the officer added.

Senior Superintendent of Police Haseeb-ur-Rehman said that a rescue operation was launched immediately by police and local volunteers. "Water flow in Chenab is very fast at the spot of accident and rescuers are clueless so far," he said.

Drug smuggling suspect dies in police custody

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A 45-year-old man, who was recently arrested for

his alleged involvement in cross-border narcotic smuggling, died due to some "health problems" at R S Pura Police Station on Monday, an official said.

Kuldeep Kumar, a resident of Akhnour, was lodged in the lookout at R S Pura police station and complained of chest pain before losing his consciousness. He was rushed to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital, where he was declared 'brought dead', according to the officer.

Kumar was arrested a few days back after his name surfaced during investigation into a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act case related to cross-border narcotic smuggling, the police officer said. The post-mortem of the deceased is underway to ascertain the cause of his death and the body would be handed over to his family after completion of all legal formalities, the official added.

Two arrested with 80 gm Charas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** AKHNOOR: Police on Monday nabbed two drug peddlers and recovered 80 gm Charas from their possession. As per details, a party from Police Station Akhnour, during Naka checking at old bridge Akhnour, stopped a scooty (JK02BJ/0636) for checking. During search, 80 grams Charas like substance was recovered from the possession of two persons, who disclosed their identity as Ankush Verma alias Anku, son of late Mohan Lal, resident of 47/1 Pamposh Colony Janipur and Dilawar Singh alias Kalu, son of Rashpal Singh, resident of Purkhoo near Mashwara Kendar. The accused persons were arrested and a case vide FIR No 219/2020 under Section 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Akhnour.

