

## Unemployment, price rise & corruption hallmarks of BJP Govt: Manohar



Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma during public meeting at Billawar.

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KATHUA: Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma while conducting public meeting at Billawar came down heavily of BJP government at the Centre for its failure in controlling price rise, inflation, unemployment and corruption in the country. While speaking Manohar said the prices of food articles have risen by nearly 5 per cent in April. Primary commodities saw a rise of 10.16 per cent and manufactured products have risen by 9.01 per cent. By the time these commodities reach the retail markets

the consumers are charged much more. Further he said all this is happening when the economy is witnessing a deep recession, galloping unemployment, collapsing purchasing power and rising levels of hunger. He said due to wrong policies of the Centre, inflation has become uncontrollable in the country and the prices of all essential commodities, including petrol, diesel and cooking gas, cooking oil, pulses are increasing at an unprecedented rate.

While speaking on unemployment He said Modi government have failed to pro-

vide jobs to youth, but had instead released misleading advertisements on the same. "BJP has cheated people of every section. Also while lambasting BJP and its leadership Manohar said everything looks good in advertisements, but the reality is not like this. And if you raise questions here you will be crushed."

Speaking on corruption Dr Sharma said that Corruption free India under BJP is just a sham and said in fact corruption has increased in BJP regime. India has the highest bribery rate in Asia according to the Global Corruption Barometer published by Transparency International released on the eve of International Anti-Corruption Day. The findings are a scathing indictment of the anti-corruption claims of the ruling dispensation, which came to power on the plank of a 'Bhrashtachar mukt Bharat' (corruption-free India).

The hugely attended rally passed through various roads of Main Market and Bustand area. Addressing the rally, L.D. Shazia Choudhary urged the participants to pledge to work wholeheartedly against the menace of drug addiction.

## Anti-drug rally organised



Chairman TLSC Mendhar, Shazia Choudhary (Judge) leading the rally.

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MENDHAR: Tehsil Legal Services committee Mendhar organised an anti-drug rally in Mendhar town in connection with the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2021. The rally, which was attended by huge number of students, was flagged off by L.D. Shazia Choudhary (Judge), Chairman of Tehsil Legal Services committee Mendhar from School premises.

"People have to be aware that the drugs in the shape of Heroine and Brown Sugar smuggled from across the border being alarmingly used by new generation of Mendhar, needs our immediate attention. Though police is putting lot of efforts to stop the supply of these drugs and many drug traffickers have been booked under law but public awareness about this new menace is of paramount importance" the officer added.

On this occasion Principal HSS Mendhar, SDPO Mendhar Z.A. Jaffry, SHO Mendhar Manzoor Kohli, Dr Parvaiz Khan BMO Mendhar; Doctors, Advocates, and Civil Society Members were also present.

## Reasi Admn provides travel passes to 25 girl students; educate them about traffic rules



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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Charandeep Singh took an initiative to provide free Travel Passes to 25 Girl students of Higher Secondary School Mahore hailing from far-off areas of the Sub-Division.

Charandeep Singh said that this initiative is to facilitate the students to avail concession in travel fare while pursuing studies in different institutions.

The programme was organised by T.S. Billawaria, Principal HSS Mahore in collaboration with Rajesh Gupta, ARTO Reasi.

Besides this, a road safety awareness programme

was also conducted in the School to educate the students about traffic rules for their safety while driving, specifically while riding two wheelers.

The ARTO also distributed Masks and Sanitizers among the students & educated them about safety measures against Covid.

Meanwhile, an awareness programme on traffic rules was also conducted for Drivers and Conductors at Dak Banglow Mahore.

During this awareness programme, Rajesh Gupta advised the Drivers to give students concession in the fare and also directed them not to overcharge the general public and also refrain from overloading and rash driving.

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KATRA: After three days of peaceful protest of non-teaching forum of SMVDU, the administration of the University has urged the agitating staffers to withdraw the protest following the controversial termination order of a female employee working with SMVDU for past 10 years. The request by the authorities to withdraw the agitation was an outcome of assurance given by the administration to the agitating staffers that all their genuine demands will be met.

The Non-teaching forum, while agreeing to withdraw the protest agitation, conveyed to the administration that the protest shall resume in case the administration fails to cancel the said arbitrary, discriminatory and illegal order.

During the initial round of talks with the University administration, the Non-Teaching Forum had demanded for abolition of the draconian contract system for non-teaching employees, in vogue since the inception of the institution and which has been used by the

## SMVDU Admn accede to demands of non-teaching association



Non-teaching staff staging protest at SMVDU, Katra.

University administration as a tool to harass and hound the Non Teaching staff, thereby creating a suffocating working environment within this great institution of higher learning.

SMVDU being the state university, the Non Teaching Forum also reiterated their long pending demand for release of all the allowances viz. Children education allowance, Travelling allowance, enhanced HRA etc at the same rates as applicable to rest of the employees of UT and other Universities within the UT of J&K. Another demand raised by the said Forum was regarding implementation of New Pension scheme for the

employees who till now were left in the lurch due to extremely arbitrary service contract provisions, which were absolutely against the interests of Non Teaching employees.

In the exchange between protesting employees and the administration, it was also conveyed to the authorities to accord due recognition to the Non-teaching Forum on the lines of Jammu University and also demanded to give non-teaching officials proper representation in all matters pertaining to the policy decisions taken by the University administration in respect of Non-teaching staff, in order to end the gross discrimination faced by the said Forum.

## DLSA, Rajouri Admn organise awareness programme on Women Rights



resource persons also explained the provisions for making women equal partners in the decision-making process especially concerning policymaking.

The participants were also educated about several women centric schemes and welfare programs launched by the Government. They

were motivated to avail the benefits of the schemes including those meant for their economic empowerment.

The participants were also imparted awareness on the fortnight-long program Swachhata Pakhwada which is being observed across the country to ensure mass par-

ticipation of citizens in Swachhata activities and to truly transform Swachh Bharat Abhiyan into a citizens' movement.

The Secretary DLSA, while speaking on the occasion, said that the objective of the program is to make the women participants aware of their Legal Rights against any type of crime.

He added that due to lack of knowledge about the laws and other reasons, many women are suffering and fail to knock on the doors of the courts and seek justice.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner who was also the chief guest at the event, said that women need to become self-reliant by securing sustainable livelihood for themselves and attain higher

positions in the society.

"Women can bring a massive change in society and it is high time to provide them with a suitable platform where they can show their caliber", the DC added.

He said the District Administration Rajouri is working on a multi-pronged strategy to raise the socio-economic status of women and empower them by imparting skills and providing innovative solutions for their problems.

He informed that special craft training in using pine needles for making artifacts was organised for women SHGs recently. He said the district administration is intending to organise more such training sessions at sub-divisional and block levels.

## Awareness programme on ICDS schemes, Eat Right challenge held

the Department of ICDS in collaboration with the Food Safety Department.

Pertinently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has started 'Eat Right Challenge' a competition for districts and cities across the country last year to encourage people to make more nutritious choices in food consumption and district/city authorities to promote local food and reduce the use of chemicals in food production.

Stressing on the need for a nutritious and healthy diet, the District Programme Officer, Kartar Singh said that healthy nutrition and good food is the base for a healthy body and a healthy mind and nutrition plays an important role in the overall development of an individual.

He added that as a healthy mind resides in a healthy body, it is necessary to have nutrition like salts, vitamins, proteins etc in daily diet.

The District Program Officer also emphasized convergent efforts by all stakeholders to achieve the challenging task of eradicating malnutrition. He also stressed vaccination, immunization of the children to protect them from deadly diseases, such as polio, tetanus, and diphtheria, but they also keep other children safe by eliminating or greatly decreasing dangerous diseases that used to spread from child to child besides, he also asked for hundred percent enrollment of the children in the Anganwadi centres.

## Repair of road to ancient Ghari Mata temple demanded

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NOWSHERA: Sanjeev Dutta, Councillor Ward No 13, Nowshera on Thursday called on ADC Sukhdev Singh Sambyal and AEE PWD and submitted a memorandum seeking repair of road to ancient Ghari Mata temple.

He apprised officers that the link road from main road to BDO office Nowshera which finally ends up at Ancient Ghari Mata Temple Nowshera is in worst condition and it became inconvenient to commute during rainy seasons. The officers assured that black toppling of the said road should be done at an earliest.



Councillor Sanjeev Dutta handing over memorandum to an officer.

## Samoon lays foundation stone for Workshop Block at ITI Samba

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SAMBA: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, on Thursday visited Industrial Training Institute Samba and laid foundation stone for Workshop block at ITI Samba which would involve an expenditure of Rs. 49 lakh. Director Skill Development Department, Sudershan Kumar, Additional District Development Commissioner Samba, Tilak Raj Sharma, President local Industries Association and other staff members of ITI were present on the occasion.

related courses. He also informed that more than 400 trainees have got campus placement in various organizations including government, private sector and self employment.

During the visit, Superintendent ITI Samba, Ajay Kumar, presented physical and financial achievements recorded by the institute. He informed that ITI Samba has 17 trades under different schemes including Stenographer, Secretariat Assistant, Draftsman, Welder, Computer Operator, Plumber, Electrician, Mechanic AC, Refrigerator, Tractors, Electronics and

under various trades and courses this year" he informed.

Dr. Samoon highlighted the importance of various upcoming mega projects in Samba like AIIMS, Flyovers, construction of new Highways in creating employment avenues for local youth. Later, Dr. Asgar Samoon visited government polytechnic college Samba and interacted with the staff and the students. He exhorted upon the need of introducing new courses like Medical laboratory Technology, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering in these colleges.

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