

Mankotia seeks separate assembly constituency for Panchari-Landar-Bhamag area

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UDHAMPUR: Reiterating the demand of Separate Assembly Constituency for Panchari-Landar-Bhamag area during his one-day tour at Galioote, Landar, Katti, Lattiyan, Kultiyar, Panchari and Meer Panchayats Ex-MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia staged protest on the Panchayat level.

While speaking on the occasion, Mankotia said that this area can't develop until it becomes separate assembly constituency because this far-flung hill area fall under three assembly constituencies such as Reasi, Chenani & Udhampur. He said that time has come to fight unit-

GDC Pouni celebrates Clean India programme

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POUNI: Government Degree College, Pouni, Reasi commemorated the 146th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Iron Man of India) as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas under the able guidance and patronage of Principal Prof. Rajni Bhagat. On this occasion a pledge-taking ceremony was organised by NSS volunteers of the college under the guidance of Prof. Balbir Kumar, NSS Officer, Dr. Tarseem Kumar, Prof. Jaspal Singh, Prof. Bindu Sharma and Suresh Kumar.

All staff and the students took pledge to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the country and to follow his strong values of a great statesman, a true nationalist leader of all time. Principal Prof. Rajni addressed the students and emphasized that students should imbibe in their personalities the values of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The programme concluded with votes of thanks delivered by Prof. Bindu Sharma.

ADC Bhadarwah finalises Diwali arrangements

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BHADARWAH: A meeting to finalize the arrangements with regard to celebration of Diwali was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadarwah Rakash Kumar in his office chambers.

The meeting was attended by Tehsildar Bhadarwah and Bhalla SDPO Bhadarwah, SHO Bhaderwah, AEE PDD, TSO Bhalla, Naib Tehsildar, Station Officer JK&ES, representatives from other departments attended the meeting.

Arrangements related to Security, uninterrupted power supply, water supply, availability of essential commodities viz. Vegetables/fruit & milk items on approved rates/sanitation of Bhaderwah town were discussed in the meeting.

Tehsildar/executive officer MC/TSO were asked to conduct the market inspections to keep check on quality of food stuff and ensure availability of good quality material on approved rates in the market.

The PDD was asked to ensure uninterrupted electricity during the ongoing festival of Diwali. Police department was directed to ensure proper security arrangements and Traffic management in the area.

Enforcement of Covid-19 appropriate behaviour during the festival was also stressed upon. The officers were also directed to implement the Supreme Courts Directions regarding manufacturing, sale and use of banned fire crackers and adherence to timing of bursting of permitted/improved green crackers.



Ex-MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia along with locals staging protest.

edly for separate assembly. Mankotia appealed to the members of the De-limitation commission and said that they should go to the entire area and take the opinion of the people and then decide. Mankotia said that if Gurez area of Kashmir, a Legislative

Assembly area can be made on 14 thousand voters, then why this hilly area whose voter is more than 40 thousand cannot be given a separate Legislative Assembly status? He questioned.

Mankotia also said that the road work is going on very slow in this area from

Kainthgali to Galiyat, the administration and the government should take cognizance of it as soon as possible and this work can be completed at the earliest, apart from this He said that the pending MGNREGA liability 2016-17-18 of Labourers is still pending, the government

Course on handling, investigating NDPS cases held at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Three days course on "Increasing Menace of Narcotics among Youths-challenges, handling and Investigation of NDPS cases" commenced in S.K. Police Academy Udhampur. In all 13 officers from various police units/wings are participating. The course has been designed to analyze the various factors responsible for growing drug peddling among different nations and to aware the participants about the legal aspects to handle the cases related to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

In the inaugural session

Mohan Lal, SSP Dy. Director (Indoor) explained that effective policing is very essential to curb the menace of narcotics in the society. The NDPS Act, as its preamble says, was enacted to

consolidate and amend the laws related with narcotic drugs, to make stringent provisions for the control and regulation of operation related with Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and for matters connected therewith. It has enlarged the scope of enforcement activity by authorising various central and state law enforcement agencies for the purpose of

enforcement of the provisions of the said act. It is felt that a serious reduction in the supply and demand of illicit drugs can only be accomplished and determined with a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and the community which we serve. It is only possible when the officers of J&K Police will be responsible enough to discharge their duties with

respect to various provision of laws related with NDPS.

Inaugural session was also attended by Suraj Singh AD (Training/ R&D), K.K Sharma, ADO, Ramesh Chander, Pvt. Secy. to Director SKPA, and Summati Gupta, Asstt. Director (Admn). The course is being coordinated by Tahir Hussain, AD (I) and Sanjeev Gupta, Insp. Member faculty.

In the programme the officers and participants discussed the challenges and strategies to handle the NDPS cases effectively. The course will be completed on 10th November.

The aim of the Programme, held in connection with the Pan India awareness campaign, was to raise awareness about the Right to Education Guaranteed under Article 21 A of the Constitution of India. Two programmes were held in Physical Mode on the subject at Government Model Girls Hr. Secondary School, Udhampur and Government

The Resource Persons of the Programme were Panel Lawyers Advocate Sanjeet Kumar, Advocate Aakash Samnotra, Advocate Nikhileshwar Singh and Advocate Mallikarjun Singh Sathia. The resource persons highlighted the issues faced by the children. The Principal of the schools Nasib Singh and R.S. Sathia, along with the school staff and students attended the Programme. The Secretary DLSA, while thanking the students and the staff, threw light on the Rights of the Children in the society and stressed upon the need to safeguard all basic rights which are vital to a human life especially to Children.

DLSA Udhampur holds awareness events on Right to Education

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur under the guidance of its Chairman and overall supervision of Secretary, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge) organised a campaign to promote "Right to Education & ensuring 100% enrolment of children in Schools", here today.

BBIA demands one-time relaxation for renewal of time barred provisional registrations of micro & small scale units

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BARI BRAHMANA: Lalit Mahajan Co-Chairman Federation of Industries Jammu & President Bari Brahmana Industries Association demanded Manoj Sinha, LG, Arun Kumar Mehta (IAS) Chief Secretary and Ranjan Prakash Thakur (IRTS) Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce Department of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for granting one time relaxation for renewal of time barred provisional registrations of micro & small scale units.

Lalit Mahajan, while conveying Heartiest thanks to Manoj Sinha Governor for the grant of 28400 Crores Industrial Package -2021 for the new units, draw the kind attention of LG towards the hardship being faced by the number of Micro & Small Scale Units, owned by Sons of Soil of J&K due to time barred pending cases of EM Part-I with the Industries Department since long as the matter has been referred to Apex Committee for the approval.

"We request LG Manoj Sinha, CS Arun Kumar Mehta and Ranjan Prakash Thakur (IRTS) for the grant of one time relaxation for the Renewal of all the pending time barred cases EM Part-I Registration of Micro & Small Scale Units up to June 30, 2022 enabling the Unit holders to start the production to avail the benefits under the Industrial Package-2021" BBIA members demanded.

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CVPPPL achieves another milestone of diversion of Marusudar River at PakalDul HE Project

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KISHTWAR: R.K. Singh, Union Minister, Power, New and Renewable Energy on Monday virtually inaugurated the diversion of Marusudar River of PakalDul HE Project in Distt. Kishtwar of J&K. Alok Kumar, Secretary (Power) GOI, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, PDD, GOJK, A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC, Suresh Kumar (IAS Retd), Chairman, CVPPPL, and other Sr Officers of Power Ministry and State Administration attended the function. Rajat Gupta, MD, CVPPPL, A.K. Dash, GM (HQ&Design), Narendra

Kumar, HOP, PakalDul and other Sr officers of CVPPPL were present on the occasion at site.

Union Minister congratulated the entire team of CVPPPL, NHPC and JKSPDC for successful achievement of this crucial milestone of river diversion and also advised to work in a planned manner to expeditiously complete the construction works of Cofferdam and Concrete Face Rockfill Dam for overall completion of project within scheduled time. He also appreciated the entire team for working hard in tough climatic conditions in far flung areas. He

DC Udhampur reviews status of workers' registration on e-Shram Portal

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UDHAMPUR: To review the registration of unorganized workers on national database for unorganized workers (NDUW) e-shram portal, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib on Monday convened a meeting of officers of various departments here in Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

BDC Chairman, Balwan Singh, GM DIC, PO ICDS, CMO, and other officers of different departments attended the meeting.

At the onset, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Pradyot Gupta gave a detailed powerpoint presentation about the use of the e-shram portal. He apprised the DC that 8111 unorganized sector workers have been registered in the district since the launch of the e-shram portal by the Central Government in the month of August 2021.

The DC said that the e-shram portal launched by the Government is aimed at facilitating better execution of various social security schemes for all unorganized sector workers. She said that the portal will not only register unorganized workers but also be helpful in delivering various social security

DC Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib chairing a meeting.

ecation amongst the prospective beneficiaries of e-Shram and their implementation through the labour and employment department and other official machinery. She highlighted that beneficiaries will get the benefits of PMSBY for one year of Rs. 2 lakh for accidental death and full disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability.

The DC further directed the concerned officers to work in proper coordination in mentoring of mobilization of target sub-groups of unorganized workers like MGNREGA workers, SHGs, NRLM, NULM, Street vendors, Auto drivers etc.

The DC added that awareness camps would prove helpful to disseminate information education and communication

GDC Akhnoor celebrates Diwali festival

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AKHNOOR: GDC Akhnoor on Monday organised a colourful programme to celebrate Diwali festival in the college campus under the guidance of Principal Dr. Namarta. On this occasion students participated with fervour in making Diyas and rangoli. Dr. Namarta, Principal of the college encouraged the students to participate in such functions to develop positive energy which is good for overall development of personality. All the staff members were

present in the function. The programme was organised and coordinated by Dr. Sandhya Rani, HOD

Sanskrit and Dr. Seema HOD Sociology. Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Aksha, HOD English.

DC Samba suspends issuance of Fard Intekhab in Sub Division Vijaypur

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Anuradha Gupta on Monday suspended issuance of fard intekhab in Sub Division Vijaypur in view of mushrooming of unauthorized colonies in the area.

An order issued by the Deputy Commissioner states that "due to mushrooming of unauthorized colonies in various parts of Sub division of Vijaypur in the guise of normal sale purchase of land and to carry out an urgent field verification to rule out any attempt to develop unplanned & unauthorized colonies, the Sub Divisional Magistrate shall hold a detailed enquiry into the matter and submit the report."

The concerned officers from the RDD, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry were asked to identify their assets in the forest areas and submit the report in this regard within the shortest possible time.

The DC also directed for the mapping of inter and intra village bridle paths on forest land and said that the coordinates of the bridle paths should be from starting and endpoints.

DLC clears 45 Forest Rights Act claims in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Level Forest Right Committee which met on Monday under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan, cleared 45 claims under Forest Right Act.

The meeting was attended by BDC Chairperson Qila Darhal, Khalid Firdoz, DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh, DFO Nowshera, Neelima; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behmal; ADC Nowshera, Sukhdev Singh Sambayal; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Mohd Rashid Kohli; AC Defence, Saleem Quershi; CEO

Educational Institutions and Jal Shakti schemes functioning on forest land, the meeting was informed that there are 84 schools and 53 schemes which are on the forest areas. The DC asked the concerned officers to share the list with the forest rights committees so that the cases can be processed at the earliest.

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Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, PDD, GoJK assured continuous support of JK Administration in achieving the scheduled milestones of HydroPower projects and paid his gratitude to the Union Minister for taking keen interest in the overall development of J&K.

Rajat Gupta, Managing Director, CVPPPL expressed his gratitude to the Union Power Minister. District Functionaries and local population for their support and assured full commitment and dedication from CVPPPL which will help overall development of local inhabitants.

Pakal Dul HE Project (1000 MW) is being constructed by Chenab Valley Power Projects [P] Ltd. a joint venture company of NHPC Ltd (Govt of India Enterprise) and JKSPDC (Govt of J&K Enterprise). CVPPPL has been entrusted 3094 MW Hydro Power Projects for construction in J&K. Marusudar River is a major tributary of Chenab River. Diversion of River will pave the way for acceleration in construction activities of the Project.

The completion of the project shall be boon to the overall development of the region and lead to improvement in socio economic conditions of the people.

NHPC Dulhasti Power Station organises Gram Sabha

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KISHTWAR: NHPC Dulhasti Power Station is organising various programs under Vigilance Awareness Week. In this sequence, a Gram Sabha program was organised on Monday at Government Middle School Sarkoot of village Bedabhatta of Matta-B Panchayat. In the program, Shri

Diwakar Awadhia, Project Vigilance Officer and Shri Ashok Kumar Dhanwan, Senior Manager (HR), Dulhasti Power Station made the villagers aware about the ill-effects of corruption. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Block President, Kishtwar also made aware the villagers about the

corruption and expressed his gratitude to NHPC Dulhasti Power Station for organizing the program. On this occasion, Satis Kumar, Sarpanch, Matta-B, Parveen Akhtar, Head mistress, Middle School Sarkoot, employees of NHPC, teachers and local villagers were present.