

Investigate backward, forward linkages especially in drugs recovery cases: DIG DKR Range to IOs

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BATOTE: Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR Range Hqrs. Batote held a crime review meeting of District Kishtwar at DPO Kishtwar on Friday in order to review the targets achieved by the concerned Supervisory officers and SHOs keeping in view the ending of year 2022 such as crime disposal, missing and other absconders etc.

Reiterating the firm directions of MHA and DGP J&K on ULAP and NDPS cases, DIG Range directed SSP Kishtwar and other officers present there to disposed off the said cases on merits on priority and appointment of PERVI officers for the said cases so that the accused persons may be convicted. DIG also strictly ordered all the



Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR Range chairing a meeting at Batote.

IOs to investigate Backward and forward linkages especially in drugs recovery cases. He also asked them to focus on chemical and medical drugs and ensure of forfeiture of properties of accused involved in it.

Meeting was attended by Shafqat Hussain Batt SSP Kishtwar, Rajinder Singh Addl. SP Kishtwar, Ashish Gupta Dy.SP Hrs. Kishtwar,

Zia-Ul-Haq Dy.SP DAR Kishtwar, Vikram Singh SDPO Atholi and all SHOs of District Kishtwar

Later, Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR Range Hqrs. Batote visited the accident spot at Prem Nagar Doda where on November 8, 2022 one tragic accident took place in which four persons were drowned alongwith vehicle (JK06-9297), when

travelling from Doda towards Thathri. Abdul Qayoom, SSP Doda and SHO Police Station Thathri were present on the spot where rescue operation is being carried by the District as well as police authorities to trace out the missing persons.

DIG briefed the rescue team and officers/officials present on the spot to gear up the evacuation operation and leave no stone unturned to find out the missing persons.

DIG also directed the enforcement agencies and NHW authorities for the creation of parapets, sign boards and other safety measure in the road to avoid such type of incident in future.

ASSOCHAM to promote local artisans of Samba in collaboration with District Admn

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SAMBA: The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) to promote local artisans of District Samba in collaboration with district administration Samba.

A delegation of ASSOCHAM J&K Council led by Manik Batra, comprising Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council, and Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director; ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh on Friday met Anuradha Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Samba and assured her full support to promote local artisans.

The delegation also discussed "Bobo di Sandukhdi", an initiative of district administration Samba to provide an online marketing platform to the local artisans, weavers and small entrepreneurs of the district and suggested some ideas to promote it on the national level.

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Delegation of ASSOCHAM J&K Council calling on DC Samba Anuradha Gupta.

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them to national level" Some exhibitions and buyer-seller meets were also planned during the meeting, which will be announced soon. Anuradha Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Samba said the move has been taken to promote local artisans under vocal for local and Atma Nirbhar campaigns by facilitating maximum outreach of local products through online portals. "We are thankful to ASSOCHAM for coming forward to support local artisans. We are looking forward to organise a buyer seller meet soon," said Anuradha Gupta.

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The MOU was signed in presence of the Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, the University of Jammu by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu, and Dr. Manish Anand, CEO and Board Member of iHUB Diyasampark, IIT Roorkee. Prof. Umesh Rai appreciated the Head and faculty members of the Department of Computer Science and IT, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) for fostering research & innovation towards product or technology development.

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Shahnawaz inaugurates link road from GHS Hari to Rajara

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SURANKOTE: JKPC General Secretary and DDC Member from Surankote A block Shahnawaz Choudhary on Friday inaugurated 6KM link road from Higher secondary School Hari to Rajara in presence of Executive Engineer R&B Poonch Harvinder Singh, AEE Surankote Vikas Bhardwaj, other department officials and dignitaries of the area.

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DDC Member Shahnawaz Choudhary inaugurating a road stretch.

due to non connectivity with road. He said that in this backward area road connectivity is lifeline for locals and directly influence life of common people residing in rural area. People living in this area deserve to live good life and I am committed to work in this regard. He assured of every possible assistance to public gathering.

The dignitaries present on the occasion were Sarpanch Haji Javed Ahmed, Sarpanch Sikander Noorani, Sarpanch Waheed Shah, Retd. ZEO Mumtaz Hussain, Retd. SP Haq Nawaz, Retd. Zee Niaz Ahmed, Irsah Qazi, Molvi Javed, Haji Ashraf, Sikander Hayat, Asif Bajar, Yaseen Khawaja And Anjum Hamdani.

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Panthers demand ST status for residents of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Samba, Kathua
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JAMMU: National Panthers Party's State Gen Secy Gunwhat Singh, Gen Secy Naresh Chib and Pahari Leader, JKNNP Anil Parihar has demanded that ST status should be granted to all the Pahari people of J&K.

Addressing a press conference, NPP leaders said the Jammu province is almost a Pahari area and the people living in these areas like Bani, Basholi, Kishtwar, Ramban, Chanani, Panchari etc are socially and educationally backward. But the Govt has ignored them while granting ST status to Pahari people.

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ITBP 47th Battalion to impart recruitment training to youth

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SAMBA: To prepare the unemployed youth of the area to participate in the paramilitary forces recruitment, a free training program is being organized by 47th Battalion of the ITBP at the Rai Ghagwal camp of the battalion, under the leadership of 47th battalion commandant Subhash Chandra Yadav, from November 15th to 30 November 2022, from 10:00 to 12:00.

Youth in the age group of 18 to 25 years can register themselves to participate in this free training programme, ITBP officials have informed.

conducted. The chief guest of the ceremony Prof. Vinod Sharma, Director of Rammagar Campus, University of Jammu, in the presence of the Guest of honor, Prof. Masaf Alam from Jamia Millia Islamia University. The Rector Bhaderwah Campus and Patron of the workshop, Prof. Rahul Gupta also congratulated the department of computer science and IT, Bhaderwah Campus, and the Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) for organizing such kind of workshop on the latest technology.

On the occasion, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Ajay Lakhnotra, Arif Khateeb (Public Relations Officer), Bablu Sharma, Waseem Akram, Mohammad Aavas, Dr. Umesh Chaudhary, Rachit Gupta, Priya Rani, Shallu Kotwal, Diksha Sambyal and Ayushi Kotwal were also present. An impressive Valedictory ceremony of workshop was



Participants being presented certificates during the programme.

GDC Nowshera organises symposium on 'National Education Day'

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NOWSHERA: Internal Quality Assurance Cell, GDC Nowshera under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organized a symposium on National Education Day in order to celebrate the birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on Friday as National Education Day. The event was organized by Prof. Joginder Singh, Coordinator IQAC under the supervision and able guidance of Dr. Kamal



Dignitaries along with faculty and students during the programme.

Kishore, Principal of the college.

The main aim of this competition was to make the students aware about the students aware about the

New Education Policy-2020 and the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Free India in Higher Education System.

As many as 10 students

from various departments participated with immense zeal and enthusiasm expressing their innovative ideas about life history and contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in Higher

Education System and significance of new Education Policy-2020. Among the Faculty members, Prof. Davinder Kumar, Asstt. Prof. Hindi, Prof. Inam-Ul-Haq, Asstt. Prof. Zoology, Prof. Gurjeet Singh, Asstt. Prof. Punjabi expressed their views about the Education System and guided the students for their future. All the participants were provided "Certificates of Participation.", Dr. Sunil Dutt, Asstt. Prof. Dogri presented the formal Vote of thanks.

erased their Girdawries and deprived them of benefits and rights, rendering thousands of farmers as landless. He demanded review of the decision besides conferring rights of occupation for long durations over agriculture lands as per scales to small and marginal farmers. Against the promise of doubling their income by this year-2022, Modi government has snatched the rights of farmers and deprived them of benefits available to them and live under fear of evictions from lands from their forefathers.

DCC Jammu convenes meet to finalise preparations for upcoming events

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) held a meeting on Friday to discuss a number of important party affairs, which was addressed by Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla and Incharge District President Jammu (U), Yogesh Sawhney. The meeting was attended by a number of district office bearers, Block Presidents, Ward Presidents and Councilors belonging to party. The objective of the meeting was to prepare the readiness and list checking of the prerequisite and requirements that need to be done before the upcoming events. During the meeting, the district leaders also thanked the party High-command for not accepting resignation of former Minister Yogesh Sawhney as Incharge District President Jammu Urban and welcomed continuation of his leadership in this capacity. They also finalized preparations for upcoming events to be held on occasion of

NNM lauds Modi Govt for reserving medical seats for terror victims

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JAMMU: Namo Namo Morecha (NNM) Jammu and Kashmir has welcomed the Govt's decision creating 'Reserve Quota' reserving MBBS/ BDS seats from the Central Pool for the spouse and children of terrorist victims in J&K.

In a statement issued to media here on Friday, Raj Rattan Raina, President of the Morecha expressed heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for doing justice with the family members/kin of terrorist victims in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that justice has been done with such victims.

Raj Rattan Raina stated that for this decision full credit goes to the Bharatiya Janata Party Govt at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He asserted that

tim families as this decision will definitely provide succour to the said families.

It is pertinent to mention here that only those students who are permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir or those whose parents are employed with the state/UT government, or employees of central or other government-related departments, or kids of employees having headquarters within Jammu and Kashmir will be entitled to the benefit of this reservation quota.

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the incumbent Govt has placed the issue of providing succour to the terror victims in the list of top priorities. Moreover the Govt's stance against Terrorism i.e. zero-tolerance policy leaves no doubt about it that it wants to provide succour to those people who get victimized by the acts of terrorism that still continues to be perpetrated from across the border in order to disintegrate the world's largest democracy.

The Namo Namo head said that this step was taken by the Govt after realizing that it is the need of the hour to provide succour to the terrorism affected families in every possible way.

KYSS delegation calls on Sheetal Nanda, rejects grant of OBC status

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JAMMU: A delegation of All J&K Kshatriya Yuva Saini Sabha (KYSS) led by its President Suksham Dogra, Jouga Sharma, Ram Parkash Magotra, Pawan Sharma, Jatinder Chib, Pardeep Bhalla, Mandeep Singh, Anil Kumar H S Baggi, Rakesh Sharma, Hoshiar Singh, Pardeep Bhagat, Pawan Bhagat, Surinder Dogra, Tersem Lal, Janak Raj, Jagdish Chander, Viju Kumar, Prithvi Raj Chowhan, Arun Nayyar, Rishi Kumar, Viney Sharma, Ravi Pangotra, Sahil Dogra and Aarif Malik.

Suksham Singh apprised the Commissioner Secretary

that the Government Order S.O. 537, dated 19th October, 2022 brought Saini Community under the ambit of OSC/OBC reservation without any proper surveys, terming it as a clear violation of all the set of guidelines and parameters laid down by the Mandal Commission Report and the judgment in Indra Sawhney (Indra Sawhney Vs Union of India) 1992 Supp (3) SCC 217. "We, Saini community respectfully decline this decision to

include our Saini (Kshatriya) community of J&K into this reserved category," he said, adding "Our Saini community of J&K U.T. doesn't satisfy even a single indicator out of eleven indicators of backwardness specified by Mandal Commission Report. This is clear violation of constitution as well as it hurts the sentiments of our Saini community." The delegation appealed to the Commissioner Secretary to look into the matter and exclude the Saini

Community from the lists of reserved castes. The Commissioner Secretary gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured to look into the matter by taking up with the authorities concerned. The delegation comprised of Amandeep Singh Saini (General Secretary Youth), Neeraj Saini, Rahul Saini, Amit Saini, Ranjan Singh Saini, Amit Saini (Executive Member), Abhimanyu Singh, Gourav Saini, Rohit Saini and Manav Saini.

Organizing Secretary BMS, Ashok Choudhary briefing media.

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JAMMU: General Secretary, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), Neelam Sharma has alleged that police personnel misbehaved with agitating Anganwadi workers and passed derogatory remarks against them at Dharna site near Press Club Jammu, which provoked peaceful workers demonstrating in support of their long-pending demands. While speaking during a press conference, she, on behalf of Anganwadi Workers Welfare Association (AWWA), said that arrested agitating workers were not provided food/water for entire day and released late in evening, due to which several of them faced problems in reaching homes as they had came from far flung areas. "All this was done intentionally just to demoralize the workers but Govt cannot suppress Anganwadi workers from raising their genuine demands," she added.

Ashok Choudhary, Organizing Secretary BMS stated that when they approached LG's office, they were advised to talk with concerned department for getting issues resolved. It is also pertinent to mention here that wages of workers have not been paid from April 2022 to till date. It is also alleged that Director ICDS has not framed grievances redressal committees so far which shows arrogant attitude of officials.

The association requested Commissioner Social Welfare Department to hold joint meeting of association and higher officials of ICDS besides clearing stand on enhancement of honorarium and other issues / demands, failing which the Association will start agitation at Block and District headquarters. President AWWA Swarna Choudhary, General Secretary Roshu Sharma were also present on the occasion.

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