

## Singhpora Tunnel Project: DC holds interactive meeting with land-owners, PRIs; listens to grievances



DDC Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav during visit to Singhpora area.

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**KISHTWAR:** District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav on Sunday visited Singhpora area of Chhatroo Sub Division to take first-hand appraisal of the progress of the Survey for widening of National Highway-244, besides listening to the grievances and issues of the owners whose land has been acquired for the Project.

He was accompanied by

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Chhatroo, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; General Manager NHIDCL, Tehsildar; besides other concerned officers and officials. During the inspectional visit, the GM NHIDCL apprised the District Development Commissioner about the current status of the survey for the widening of existing NH-244 and also enlightened about the hurdles and bottlenecks faced by the executing agencies.

Meanwhile, the land owners demanded to revisit the alignment of the approach road to the proposed Singhpora tunnel as the current alignment was passing through a major chunk of irrigated Agriculture land and engulfing residential houses thereby causing huge losses to locals. Interacting with the locals, the District Development Commissioner said that this Highway, on completion, would serve as an all weather road Connectivity between two valleys Viz. Kishtwar and Anantnag and also augment lifeline connectivity of the area. He sought the cooperation and coordination of locals in this regard. He assured that their genuine issues and demands would be forwarded to the concerned authorities for prompt action so that the work on the widening project was completed.

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**BASOHLI:** JKPCC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani has said that the proxy rule of BJP in Jammu and Kashmir has failed on fronts especially in coming to the expectations of people and early elections is the only way out to improve situation and solve people's problems.

Addressing a largely attended workers rally at Basohli organised by DCC Kathua led by Pankaj Dogra and under the leadership of Sanjay Razdan, JKPCC Chief along with working president Raman Bhalla lashed out at the BJP for its failure on all fronts in Jammu and Kashmir

especially in controlling targetted killings of minorities and in dealing with day today problems faced by the common people.

He said that a bureaucratic rule can't be substitute to elected government, since LG administration is answerable to none except BJP and centre government. He said that targetted killings has caused fear amongst common man especially minorities employees working there for years, who have migrated to Jammu or other safer places, the army says there are more than 300 militants active but government claims there is improvement in the situation but it is neither restoring statehood nor holding elections.

Vikar Rasool said BJP rules Jammu and kashmir by proxy and tries to take credit for every good thing done by LG adm but puts the blame on LG administration where ever their is failure. They have failed to come up to the expectations of people especially in Jammu for which BJP shall face the outcome.

Addressing the gathering working president Raman Bhalla alleged that Jammu suffered a lot under BJP regime and asked people to question BJP the achievements after abrogation of special status, downgrading of the

state and our rights to land and jobs.

He said BJP has crushed poor people under unprecedented price hike and record unemployment with no job opportunities. Whatsoever recruitments were done, witnessed large scale bunglings and scams, he added.

Rajnish sharma, Pawan Raina, Pranab Shagotra, Pankaj Dogra, Sanjay Razdan Akash and several leaders spoke while several leaders attended including The Meeting was Organised by District Congress Committee Kathua President Pankaj Dogra, Sanjay Razadan and Akash Bharat. In presence of JKPCC President Vikar Rasool

Wani JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Rajnish Sharma, Pawan Raina and pranav Shagotra. Those present on the occasion include RavinderPal Singh, Des Raj Raina, Narinder Khajuria, Amit Dogra, Sandeep Dogra, Arti Gupta, Pardeep Bhalla, Paranjeet Singh, Satish Sharma, Nek Mohd. Yog Raj, Ashwani Sharma, Rajnish Basotra, Vishu Andotra, Amit Dogra, GhanSham Sudarshan Chandan, Subash Chander, Raman Thappa, Anu Basotra, Vishal Pandotra, Amir Ansari, Nazir Bhatti, Puran Chand, Anu Barotra, Vishal, Veena Madam, Madhu Bala and others.

## SRCO honours prominent social workers, donors

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**KISHTWAR:** The Social Reforms & Charitable Organization (SRCO) on Sunday organized an programme in the premises of Ashiana Orphanage Kishtwar to honour the persons who extended their support (in kinds) to Ashiana Orphanage.

On the occasion, Dr. Divansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar was the Chief Guest while Shafqat Hussain Bhat, SSP Kishtwar was Guest of honour.

Giving brief sum up of SRCO, Sanjeev Parihar, Founder President said that this organization is in service of downtrodden people, women and children since 1994 and have landmark achievements in its cap.

He said that Ashiana Orphanage have successful stories and the brought up inmates are now well established in various Govt. as well as private ventures.

On the occasion, SRCO also honoured, DC

Kishtwar, SSP Kishtwar, Col. 26 RR, CEO (KDA), ACR, DPO, Pricipal ITI and other officers for their good governance by presenting them Shawl and mementos through Sanjeev Parihar President and Advocate Kuldeep Sharma Vice President SRCO.

The Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon Som Nath Sharma, educationist and Riaz Ahmed Zargar (Retd) ADDC for their sake less contribution

towards during their service and post retirement.

SRCO honoured near about 30 donors who often extended in kinds donation to Ashiana, which includes Lt. Col. Shiv Bhadur Singh, Vijay Gupta, Er. R.K Rana, Er P.N Koul, Er R.N Sharma, Impact Tutorial, Bansil Lal, Ved Prakash, Jaggan Nath Sharma, Kewal Krishan and others.

Dr. Divansh Yadav, Deputy Kishtwar appreciated SRCO management

for the noble services which they are rendering towards the society, in general and towards the needy women and children in particular. He assured that every possible help will be extended to SRCO for carrying on their mission.

The programme was witnessed by huge gathering of people from all strata a life.

The vote of thanks was presented by advocate Kuldeep Sharma, Vice President SRCO.

## Saroori addresses workers meeting at Padyarna Nagseni

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**NAGSENI:** Democratic Azad Party Senior Leader, Ghulam Mohd Saroori held a large gathering at Padyarna Nagseni in Kishtwar District where large number of the locals gathered in the function. While addressing the gathering Saroori lashed out at Project Management authorities for ignoring the locals of the area and also raised the others issues of the area. Whole programme of Nagseni was organized by



DAP Senior Leader, Ghulam Mohd Saroori addressing gathering.

Senior DAP Leader Kishtwar Thakur Randeep Bhandari with Coordination of local DAP Unit of Nagseni

Ahmed,Liaquat Mintoo, Abdul Rashid, Ch. Gulzar,Qasim,Nasir Ahmed, Subash Chander, Daleep Kumar and others.

## OBCs ignored for past 8 years, NC alone can pave way for their upliftment: Rattan Lal

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**SUNDERBANI:** Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) has slammed administration for totally ignoring the people belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) and demanded the enhancement of the reservation quota for the members of this backward community.

The senior National Conference leader expressed this while addressing the workers' convention of the party's OBC Cell in Village Marchola of Tehsil Sunderbani today.

In the convention, Rattan Lal Gupta was the Chief Guest while National Conference OBC Cell Provincial President Abdul Ghani Teli was the Guest of honour.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Vijay Lochan, Naseem Liyaqat (DDC Chairman), Th

Rameshwar Singh, Th Shamsheer Singh, Anita Thakur, in-charge Kalakote NC and Additional Spokesperson JKNC, Th Yashu Vardhan Singh, Mohammad Rafiq and Mohd Nissar, Sumita ji, Dr Ragubhir, Subash Saraf, Bhuti Ram, Advocate Ishfaq, Jatinder Singh Chib, Manzoor; Ashok Sharma, Ranjeet Singh, Habib Chowdhary and Vivek.

Addressing party workers, Rattan Lal Gupta accused the J&K Administration of adopting a negative attitude towards the OBCs saying that this is evident from the fact that the Govt is not showing the least concern to addressing the pressing issues of this section of the society. He said that it was the National Conference that showed its concern for this section of the society by constituting the OBC Development Board in the erstwhile State of J&K with the Chief Minister being the Chairman. He lamented that the community now stands totally ignored in the

present regime. However, he asserted that NC will work relentlessly to uplift this section of the society and bring it at par with the other sections of the society.

The provincial President asked the workers to work sincerely at the grass-roots level take stock of people's problems especially the OBCs and get the same addressed at the earliest. He appealed to the OBC community members to further strengthen the hands of National Conference Supremo Dr Farooq Abdullah as NC alone is the solution to their problems.

Abdul Ghani Teli; Naseem Liyaqat, DDC Chairman Rajouri; Vijay Lochan; Th Rameshwar Singh, DDC Member ; Th Yashu Vardhan Singh also spoke on the occasion.

Later, the BJP workers Rishab Sharma and Mohit Sharma along with their supporters joined the party fold in presence of senior party functionaries.

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**JAMMU:** BJP Senior Leader and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru on Sunday started black topping of lanes at Anand Nagar, Bohri along with BJP leader Jatin Sethi, Shakti Kendra Parmukh Bubesh Sharma and Booth President Sr.Jangjeet Singh and other prominent people.

Speaking about developmental works Sanjay Kumar Baru said that his Ward has completed over four years of its mandatory tenure of five, "Work of lanes and drains



JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru starting road work.

is more than 80 percent completed in the Ward, construction work of much needed 1.5 km deep drain allotted at the cost of 4.5 Crores from Borhi chowk to Santra morh via Hazuribag is on speedy progress, a 1050 new

LED street lights have also been provided and more 450 lights will be installed in next month. he further said that "Blacktopping has been done in nearly most of the areas of the Ward while more such works worth Rs

60 lakhs are allotted to different contractors by JMC and PWD divisions.

Baru while giving information about the work said that this is second work allotted by the PWD department's third division at a cost of 14 lakhs. He said that this work was much needed essential demand by the locals and that they will be at ease now after the completion of the work.

PWD, AEE Amit Sharma, JE Saleem, Shakti Kendra Parmukh Rakesh Sharma, Janki Nath Bhat, Ashwini Koul, J N Bhat, T K Tikoo, Raj Nath, Tej Krishn Kar, Ramesh Pandita, Sanjay Sharma, Naseeb Kumar, BJP workers and local were also present on the occasion.

## Army holds VDC meet



Army officials along with VDCs during the meet.

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**NOWSHERA:** Army organised a VDC meet at Kalsiyen Panchayat Ghar, District Rajouri on Sunday. Maximum VDC members Kalsiyen and Bareri village

actively participated in the event. The primary aim of the event was to assess the preparedness state of VDC members and also to motivate them to keep having their defensive skills. In

addition to it, VDC members were also briefed about the prevalent situation and tactics being employed by anti-national elements and how important their role is to ensure sustained peace and prosperity in the region.

Capitalising the occasion the VDC members were exhorted to remain vigilant and act as eyes & ears for the security agencies. The event attended Army officers, representatives of civil administration and veterans of the area. Efforts undertaken by Army was appreciated by all the attendees.

## NCC Day celebrated at GDC Ramnagar

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**RAMNAGAR:** In connection with the celebration of NCC Day and as part of Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, the 2 J&K Bn. NCC unit of GDC Ramnagar carried out cleanliness of Bowl at Thapal Village. The activity was carried out under the patronage of Dr. Udhey Bhanu, Principal. In his address to the cadets, he explained the importance of clean water bodies and appreciated the noble work being carried out by the cadets. Under Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, the NCC cadets regularly perform activities for the cleanliness of water bodies. During the drive, the cadets cleaned the waste sediments inside as well as around the bowl. They also removed the plastic and other waste from the adjoining area. At the end, the cadets also took pledge to undertake positive community service in a selfless manner. About 30 cadets participated in the drive. The whole activity was carried out under the active supervision of Lt. Aditya Sharma, Associate NCC Officer of the College. Besides Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, Convener Academic Development Committee and Prof. Brinder Kumar, Convener IQAC were also present.

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**KATHUA:** Former Member Legislative Council & senior DAP leader Subash Gupta along with many others paid rich tributes to Late Girdhari Lal Dogra Ex-Finance Minister and Ex-Member Parliament on his 35th death anniversary in a function held at Hiranagar Morh at Girdhari Lal Dogra Statue. A Large number of people were present on the occasion and paid homage to the veteran leader known for his honesty, simplicity and dedication for his service to the poor and downtrodden. Gupta while paying tributes to Girdhari Lal Dogra recalled the contribution of Dogra for the development of the state. He particularly highlighted his humbleness and



Senior DAP leader Subash Gupta and others paying tributes to Late Girdhari Lal Dogra.

dedicated service towards the poor and deprived section of the society.

Gupta further said that Dogra Sahib was the leader of the masses and always felt pleasure in solving the genuine problem of the common public. He added that following the footsteps of Girdhari Lal Dogra would be the real tribute to him on his death anniversary.

Prominent among those present on the occasion includes yugal kishor bali, Ramesh chander counselor, Rajeev Gupta counselor, Bhola nath Ex sarpanch, Gulzari lal, Narinder Singh rathor, Rameshwer Sharma, Sat pal sharma, Om parkash sangra, Ch Onkar nath, Darshan Lal,Vijay kumar, jeet lal khajuria, Ruldoos Ram, Dev raj, so many others.

## GLDM GDC Hiranagar completes 25 online lectures of Manthan

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**HIRANAGAR:** Department of Music Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar organised 25thonline lecture series of Manthan. Manthan is an online lecture series on the subject of music spanning from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari. The lecture series began from the month of June 2022 and is

held every week. The lectures are organised under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shreshthta Bharat and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav @75.

The Topic of today's lecture was Indian Percussive Art. The resource person for the lecture was Vidwan Peravali Jaya Bhaskar from Telangana and the position of the Chief Guest was occupied by Dr. Pragya Khanna, the Principal of the College. Dr. Pragya Khanna in her address highly appreciated the idea of the series of lectures pertaining to the subject of music every week.

The resource person for the lecture Peravali Jaya Bhaskar is a top grade artist of All India Radioand well known musician of South India. He has performed in many

prestigious festivals in India and abroad. He is the recipient of UstadBismillah Khan Puraskar given by the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi.He has performed with many renowned musicians of India. He in his lecture explained in detail about the percussion instruments of the South. He briefed in detail about the tala system of Carnatic music. He also talked on making of Mridangam.

The programme began with a welcome address presented byDr. Bharat Bhushan Head, Department of Music of the college. On the occasion of completion of the 25th lecture of Manthan, he thanked all the resource persons of the series who had already given the lectures in the series. He also said that

after the completion of the series a compiled book of all the proceedings and articles from all the lectures will be published.The work and initiative would be a contribution to the knowledge and literature in the field of music which would further strengthen the institution at large. The project is encouraged and inspired by the worthy Principal of the college Dr. Pragya Khanna.

The webinar was attended by the students, teachers and music lovers from across the nation. Many participants discussed and shared their views about the series. Those who attended the lecture were Prof Lokesh Joshi from Punjab, Dr. Sanjay Kalotra and Prof. Yash Kumar from G C W U d h a m p u r College,Dr. Nishtha

Sharma from Govt. MAM College, Jammu, Prof. Sujat Khan, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. DavinderKour, Prof. Manjot Singh, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Dr.Anil Dogra, Prof. Nidhi ,Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan, Dr UshaRani, Dr Jyoti Rani, Dr. Arun Kumar, Prof.Vikram Jamwal, Dr. Mukesh and Dr. Ravinder Sing Kumar from Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar. At the end of the lecture Dr. Arun Kumar, Head, Department of Sociology of the college presented the formal vote of thanks.The programme was organised together withDepartment of Sociology and the Department of Physical Education and Sports in consultation and support of Dr.Pragya Khanna, Principal of the college.

## Workshop on Science Learning organised at Samba

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**SAMBHA:** To take forward the vision of National Education Policy, District Administration, Samba in collaboration with Jnana Prabodhini, a reputed NGO of Pune, is organising a series of workshops to demonstrate how Science learning can be made simple and joyful through activities.

These science activities related workshops are being held in Government schools of Samba from 25th Nov to 30th Nov for classes 6th-8th by trainers from Jnana Prabodhini, a Pune based NGO.

The workshop includes hands-on learning with activity based sessions on various science topics such as pressure, light, friction

etc. The Workshop series is being held under the overall supervision of District Development Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta.

The workshops are being coordinated by Jaswant Singh, Chief Education Officer and Sanjhali Jain, MGN Fellow deputed in the district.

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