

Far-off Gutasa village of Bhadarwah gets new Hospital building, expresses gratitude to Govt

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BHADERWAH: With an aim to provide high tech healthcare facilities in far-off areas, Health Department is not only upgrading existing infrastructure but also constructing new buildings to provide best services in these hilly areas, where people were suffering due to non availability of proper medicare facilities.

In this regard, Health Department constructed new high tech building for Sub Health Centre Gutasa in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah, which was inaugurated by the Chairman of District Development Council(DDC) Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat, CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar, Xen PWD Bhaderwah Rajinder Kumar and others.

It is notable that the Sub Center Gutasa was functioning in a two room private



DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal inaugurating new hospital building.

accommodation since long, due to patients of Gutasa and it's adjoining areas were facing lots of problems in absence of proper healthcare facility in the area but now they are beaming with joy as the new building has been established with the estimated cost of nearly Rs 32 lakh with all required infrastructure.

The buildings of health center has been constructed under centrally sponsored National Health Mission(NHM) scheme.

The newly inaugurated building have two wards with ten beds, Emergency & Check Up room and a medicine store. On the occasion, AEE PWD Bhaderwah Mushtaq Ahmed Sheikh, BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey, DDC Councillor Yudhvir Thakur and others were also present.

DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal said that initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat scheme have revolutionized healthcare accessibility especially in

far-off areas across Jammu and Kashmir.

He said medicos will be available to attend to the patients at the health centre where free medicines would also be available to patients.

DDC Chairman also said that government is committed to improve medicare facilities and medical care in the inaccessible and far off areas of the UT so that the underprivileged do not suffer.

CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar emphasized the importance of continuous improvement in healthcare delivery, focusing on patient-centered care and efficient healthcare management. He also highlighted the significance of maintaining high standards of cleanliness, infection control, and adherence to medical protocols for the safety and well-being of patients.

BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey said "The health centre is a step towards taking medical facilities

closer to people."

He also appreciated R&B Department and contractor for excellent and outstanding work in construction of the building.

While expressing their gratitude to Government, Health Department and Administration, locals of the area said that the doctors and other staff were attending the hospital regularly but due to non availability of proper building, they were unable to attend patients properly especially during rainy season and in winter months after snow-fall.

"Now, we will get proper Medicare at our door step for which the health center was established," said Ex Sarpanch Gutasa Dharam Singh, adding that we are also thankful to the PWD Department and contractor who worked with honesty and full dedication while constructing this prestigious project.

DC Reasi conducts extensive tour of Mahore-Chassana-Budhal Axis

Assures enhanced road connectivity for public welfare, development

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan on Wednesday conducted an intensive tour of the Mahore-Chassana-Budhal axis to assess the status of road connectivity in these remote areas. He reviewed the progress of work on Reasi-Arnas-Mahore and Budhal-Mahore-Gool roads, emphasizing the need for swift removal of bottlenecks. DC Mahajan instructed engineering teams, including the GREF authorities, to accelerate roadwork and ensure timely completion of critical projects.

During the visit, the DC also addressed public concerns at Sarh and Bagga villages in Mahore and Chassana .He assured them of prompt action to address grievances. The interactions highlighted the administration's commitment to directly engage with local communities and understand their



Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan during tour to Mahore-Chassana-Budhal axis.

immediate needs. Later, the DC inspected Government Middle School in Padder where he interacted with students and teachers to assess educational facilities. He also reviewed the Kisan Khidmat Ghars of the Agriculture Department across Arnas, Dharmari, Mahore and Chassana blocks, ensuring that these

centers are delivering necessary support to the district's farmers.

SDM Mahore Mazzahir Hussain, SDM Dharmari Tariq Aziz, OC GREF Major Aditya and concerned district officers including SE and Xens, CEO, CAO and others accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

GDC Kathua conducts first-year NCC enrolment for Girls' Battalion of Jammu

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KATHUA: In a significant step towards empowering young women in the region, Government Degree College Kathua has successfully conducted the first-year enrolment for the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the Girls' NCC Battalion of Jammu.

The enrolment, which took place on 6th of November 2024, witnessed enthusiastic participation from female students eager to join the prestigious corps and embark on a journey of leadership, discipline, and national service.

The whole activity was conducted under the guidance of principal of the college Prof. Seema Mir. Principal Prof. Seema Mir, speaking at the event, highlighted the impor-

ance of programs like the NCC in shaping the future of young women, emphasizing the development of skills such as teamwork, resilience, and national pride.

She encouraged the cadets to make the most of the training and prepare themselves for leadership roles in both the public and private sectors.

The enrolment session marks the beginning of an exciting journey for the young women of GDC Kathua as they step into the world of NCC, where discipline, adventure, and patriotism will guide them toward a brighter future.

The selection was conducted under the supervision of Sub Tsering Punchok of 2 J&K Girls Bn NCC, Jammu.

Sub Tsering Punchok expressed his appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of the students who are eager to join the National Cadet Corps and embrace its values of discipline, teamwork, and service to the nation.

The NCC program at GDC Kathua aims to provide students with invaluable opportunities for character-building, leadership training, physical fitness, and adventure.

The newly enrolled cadets will undergo comprehensive training in various aspects, including drill exercises, community service, and military-style discipline, while also participating in adventure camps and social outreach programs.

Vigilance-Awareness Week-2024 observed at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Dean Students Welfare (DSW) Committee of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, under the able guidance of the principal of the college, Dr. Nalini Pathania, observed "Vigilance-Awareness Week-2024".

Various activities conducted under this programme such as: Integrity Pledge - Taking, Documentary-Display, Lecture by Dr. Preeti Dubey, HOD Computer Application and Symposium by the students.

First day programme begun with the Pledge-Taking ceremony by the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. On the Second and Third



day of the programme, the documentaries related to the eradication of corruption from our lives and deeds as well as need for integrity in our behaviour as well as in the administration, was shown to the students.

Also, a lecture was delivered by Dr. Preeti Dubey, HOD of Computer Science department on the topic, "Problem of Corruption and Need of vigilance Awareness". On fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh day, other activities were conducted like symposium, poster-making by the students and lecture by a faculty member from computer Science Department.

Principal of the college in her speech on the occasion congratulated the Convener as well as the members of the DSW Committee for conducting a wonderful and inspiring week-long programme on Vigilance-Awareness. She advised the students not to involve themselves in any kind of corruption in any form or in

anti-social behaviour. She exhorted upon the need of character-building by our present generation in their personal as well as in professional life.

DSW of the college, Prof. Swarna Devi, Assistant Professor of Political Science also spoke on the occasion. She told the students that corruption does not only means to involve yourselves in taking bribe etc. but if a student bunk her/his class or if a teacher does not come in class in due

time, is also a kind of corruption. She advised the students that we should refrain from all those kinds of behaviour that makes us to indulge in such activities which are against Integrity.

Programme was attended by almost 80 students of the college.

Other staff members and DSW Committee members like Dr. Seema Sharma, Dr. Indu Khajuria, Dr. Sanjeet Kour, Dr. Kamaldeep Kour, Prof. Yash Pal, Varun Sharma, Prof. Shama Rani, Dr. Anita Kumari, Prof. Yash Kumar from Music Deptt, Prof. Pooja Bharti, Dr. Preeti Dubey etc. attended the Programme. Programme was concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Swarna Devi, Convener of the DSW Committee.

2-day exhibition by CBC on BNS-2023 and CSS at Nowshera begins

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NOWSHERA: A 2-Day Multi-Media Exhibition on Bhartiya Nyaya Samhita-2023(BNS-23), Mission LIFE, Swachh Bharat Mission, Poshan Abhiyan and other centrally sponsored schemes was organized by Central Bureau of Communication Rajouri, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The programme was organized at Govt. Degree College Nowshera, of District Rajouri in the presence of Shamim Ahmed Azad, Principal GDC Nowshera, Ghulam Abbas Director CBC J&K and Ladakh, Faculty of GDC Nowshera, GGHSS Nowshera, Officers and officials of ICDS, Animal Husbandry, CBC Rajouri & CBC



Dignitaries inaugurating the exhibition.

Poonch.

Shamim Ah. Azad, Chief Guest in his address said that such kind of awareness programmes on the schemes and programs of Government of India should be organized on regular intervals so that the general public especially in the far-flung boarder areas like

Nowshera come to know about the benefits of these schemes. He urged the audience to learn more & more about scheme related to higher Education, agriculture, animal husbandry & sheep husbandry to achieve the target of Viksit Bharat.

Ghulam Abbas, Director,

Central Bureau of Communication, J&K in his address said, the government is working towards the upliftment of the poor in the country through its various centrally sponsored schemes and programs and the pro-poor schemes like PM Awas Yojna, PM Jan Arogya Yojna, Ujjwala Yojna, PM Grib Kalyan Ann Yojna, Shishu Janani Suraksha Yojna, Poshan Abhiyan, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, Khelo India, Kissan Samman Nidhi, DBT, , Saubhagya Yojna, Har Ghar Jal, SBM, KCC, Stand up India, Start up India, Kaushal Vikas, Mudra Loans, and other Centrally Sposored Schemes of the government have brought a revolution in the country.

Resources persons from ICDS Nowshera Asha Devi,

Dr. Ajay Soodan from Animal Husbandry and Dr. Ruhi Gupta from GDC spoke about various Centrally Sponsored schemes related to their respective departments.

The programme was conducted by Rumanji Gupta Asst. Prof. In English GDC Nowshera. Students Shagun Sharma spoke on SBM and Nancy Sharma enlightened about Bhartiya Nayaya Samhita (BNS).

On the day before, a drawing competition was organized at GGHSS Nowshera, in which 25 students participated. Open quiz was also organized during the programme to engage the audience. Theme based cultural items were presented by artists of Registered Troupe of CBC J&K. All the guests and participants along with winners were honoured suitably by CBC Poonch.

SSP Samba felicitates UPSC civil services qualifier, JKAS-2023 topper

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SAMBHA: SSP Samba, Vinay Kumar on Wednesday felicitated Sanjeev Kumar, UPSC Civil Services qualifier and topper of JKAS 2023 exam, in a felicitation ceremony organized at District Police Headquarters Samba.

Sanjeev Kumar, a resident of Chann Malagar, Ghagwal district Samba, has secured first position in the JKPCS Combined Competitive Exam 2023 whose result has been declared recently. He has also qualified UPSC Civil Services examination this year.

Congratulating for achieving the top rank in this challenging exam, SSP Samba said that his commendable accomplishment will motivate many more youths from Jammu and Kashmir to follow his footsteps.

SSP Samba conveyed his best wishes on behalf of District Police Samba to Sanjeev Kumar.



SSP Samba, Vinay Kumar felicitating Sanjeev Kumar, UPSC Civil Services qualifier.

DC Kathua listens to people's issues at weekly Block Diwas

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KATHUA: As part of the public outreach effort of the District Administration, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Wednesday presided over a Block Diwas program at Khokhial in Nagri Block.

The event witnessed the participation of a large number of locals and officials, including DDC Nagri Sandeep Majotra, CPO, ACR, ACD, and other district and sectoral officers.

The local residents raised wide range of issues of public importance, emphasizing the need for the completion of the Check Dam in Khokhial, the establishment of an Animal Husbandry Centre and an Agriculture Centre, the widening of the Changrah-Nagri Road, completion of water supply schemes, and addressing the growing concern of drug abuse in the area.

DDC Sandeep Majotra presented additional demands, seeking connectivity under the PMGSY scheme, canal channelization and the establishment of a separate ration depot in Khokhial.

Dr. Rakesh Minhas assured the attendees that their concerns would be addressed promptly, directing the concerned departments to employ immediate interventions where feasible. He highlighted the ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure in the Nagri Block, noting that mining-affected areas have been approved for development projects worth Rs. 41 lakh, including additional classrooms at GMS Pandori and NPS Majra. He also emphasized the administration's commitment to taking up further development projects in the region.

Addressing specific demands, Dr. Minhas directed the District Animal Husbandry Officer to establish a functional Animal Husbandry Centre in Khokhial with dedicated staff. He also informed the public that the process of setting up

a Kisan Khidmat Centre is underway, with plans to inaugurate it within a month to provide seeds, fertilizers, and other agricultural services. He encouraged farmers to adopt Nano Urea to maximize land yield.

Regarding the widening of the Changrah-Nagri Road, the Deputy Commissioner stated that the Border Roads Organization (BRO) has been engaged, and the project will address frequent road accidents upon completion. On the matter of the Check Dam, Dr. Minhas instructed the XEN Irrigation to devise a viable solution by visiting the site and consulting all stakeholders to enhance the irrigation facilities in the area.

The Deputy Commissioner also addressed concerns about high power bills, advising farmers to consider solar motors, which come with substantial government subsidies, eliminating electricity costs. Speaking on the important issue of Drug Menace in the areas of Nagri, the DC called upon all inhabitants especially women to come forward for sharing information of people indulged in dealing/ selling Drugs and other narcotics. He said Kathua Administration has taken the stance of zero tolerance against the perpetrators of Drug Menace, and strict punishment will be ensured for those involved in it.

Earlier, XEN PHE assured the community that six out of eleven ongoing water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) would be completed by December, significantly improving the water supply in Khokhial and surrounding areas.

During the event, Dr. Minhas inspected various departmental stalls set up to inform the public about government schemes and programs. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the administration's commitment to development and urged the community to take advantage of available resources for their welfare.

GDC Reasi organises Blood Donation Camp



A donor receiving certificate.

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REASI: In a continued effort to support the community and contribute to critical healthcare needs, Govt. General Zorawar Degreee College Reasi (GDC Reasi) organised a Blood Donation Camp on

Wednesday.

The event was organised by NSS unit and NCC unit in collaboration with Thalassemia Welfare Society and GMC Jammu. The GMC team was led by Dr. Sahil Gorkha form GMC Jammu.

A total of 19 units of the

blood were donated collectively by the staff and students.

The event was patronised by the principal, Dr. Mohd Mazammal Hussain who encouraged the students and made them aware to come forward in such activities of community service.

JPDCL field staff imparted safety training at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) on Wednesday organized a one-day safety training programme for its officers and field staff, here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The experts from JPDCL gave live demonstrations and sensitization on electrical safety practices and Standard Operating Procedures essential for fieldwork. The programme emphasized the importance of

preventive safety measures, the correct use of safety equipment and emergency response strategies to ensure the safety of both personnel and the public during field operations.

The participants were advised to maintain constant vigilance with strict adherence to safety protocols while on duty.

The training concluded with a question-and-answer session, allowing participants to address their queries and deepen their understanding of best practices in safety management.

DC reviews status of Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai on Wednesday convened a meeting of officers of line departments, here in Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex to assess the status of ongoing schemes under the Jal

Jeevan Mission.

The DC conducted a thorough scheme-wise review, emphasizing the need to expedite work. She also directed for the timely completion of all allotted works and emphasized on addressing bottlenecks, if any.

Necessary directives were issued to concerned authority to apply for cases of forest clearance within one week on Parivesh Portal. She stressed the importance of maintaining close coordination among different stakeholders to ensure unhindered

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