

JKTJAC holds monthly meeting, raises burning issues of teaching community

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UDHAMPUR: A monthly of Jammu Kashmir Teachers'Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar. The meeting was attended by executive and apex body members of JKTJAC from all eleven zones of the district. Speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the genuine and burning issues of the teachers and urged the Education Minister and Secretary School Education to resolve these issues for the welfare of thousands of teachers of Jammu and Kashmir. Raising the burning issue of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme he appealed the Education Minister for the resolution of this issue. He said that even Hon'ble CAT has given clear cut direc-



tions that after regularisation ReTs are equivalent to general line teachers and they can't be differentiated on the basis of mode of their recruitment and can be transferred within the district. Raising the genuine and burning issue of Old Pension Scheme in favour of employees appointed on or after 01.01.2010 Sharma appealed the Government to implement it by fulfilling the promise. Highlighting the genuine issue of release of MDM

dues Mr Sharma said that teachers have managed money (a huge amount) from their own pockets for purchasing eating ingredients for smooth functioning of Mid Day Meals but no funds have been released for 2025-26 and teachers are now unable to continue the same. He appealed the authorities concerned to look into the matter immediately and get released the pending dues under MDM ,otherwise they will be forced to stop Mid Day Meals and for the suffering of poor stu-

dents concerned authorities will be responsible. He also appealed Director School Education Jammu for issuance of DPC of teachers to masters which is pending to avoid stagnation. He also demanded regularisation orders of left out ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period and Conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/ III . He said that recently Director School Education Jammu issued regularisation of some ReTs and also conversion of RRETs to Teachers

Grade II/III has been done which is quite appreciable job of Directorate and hoped same for pending cases. He also demanded DPC of other cadres including clerical. He also demanded release of time barred arrears of Teachers/masters; Raising Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during summer/ winter vacation for summer/ winter camps and for other duties; Filling up of vacant posts of Headmasters in headless schools,. He also appealed Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Sahib to intervene in the matter of release of GP and other retirement dues of the employees which are pending for last more than one year. Speaking on the occasion Lekh Raj Parihar appealed the Chief Education Officer Udhampur to speed up the process of allocation of substantive posts to Teachers Grade II/ III issue and issue necessary directions to

DDOs for the completion of service books of the teachers as in many zones same is pending. Meanwhile on the occasion District body JKTJAC Udhampur honoured newly elected UT President Vinod Sharma and UT representatives of District Udhampur Sham Sharma and Sukesh Khajuria with garlands. Others who also spoke on the occasion were :- Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Chain Singh, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Bhushan Khajuria, Shamsher Singh, Jagdish Chander Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Vijay Sadhotra, Sham Singh, Manoj Sharma, Anil Sharma, Vipin Raina, Amit Gupta ,Sudesh Dubey, Som Raj, Parshant Sharma, Kuldip Singh, Ajit Singh, Gopal Sharma, Puma Chand, Romesh Kumar , Uttam Singh, Ashok Kumar, Balvinder Singh, Ashok Mathur, Vabal Singh, Sunil Verma, Amar Singh and others.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana progress reviewed in Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR: A meeting to review the implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana was today held here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex. The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pawan Kotwal and attended by all Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of the district. At the outset, the Executive Engineer JPDCI elaborated on the key features, benefits and procedural aspects of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. He also addressed the queries raised by the DDOs regarding the scheme's implementation process and subsidy mechanism. The ADC directed the DDOs to convene regular meetings with their subordinate employees and motivate them to get Solar Rooftop (SRT) systems installed within this month to ensure timely achievement of the district's assigned targets. JPDCI was directed to prepare a roster and hold separate meetings with each DDO in the DC Office to provide handholding support and resolve any pending issues related to registration and installation under the scheme. The meeting emphasized the collective responsibility of all departments in ensuring the successful roll-out of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, aimed at promoting clean energy adoption and reducing dependency on conventional power sources in the district. The meeting was attended by PO ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma; CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani; ACR Idrees lone; CPO Akhil Thakur; SDM Chatroo Nayeem Ur Rehman, ACD Musharaf Ali Haf, ACP Neeraj Sharma, DSWO Tariq Parveaz Qazi; CEO Municipal Council Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal; AD FCS&CA Shafqat Ali Keen; ExEn JPDCI Latif Wani; CAO Kushal Chandel; CHO Sajid Mustafa; ExEn PMGSY Rajesh Sharma; ExEn Jal Shakti Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, BDos, DNO Ayush, LDM besides other officers and staff.

Academic excellence alone no longer sufficient to prepare student for challenges of life: Jasrotia

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KATHUA: MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia today in presence of DDC Member, Block Keerian Gandyal, Dr. Kumari Shaveta laid the foundation stone for development projects in Panchayat Tridwan, Block Keerian Gandyal. The projects, which fall under the District Capex (BDC) and (PRI) plans for 2025-26, include a multi-sports playground, a shed for the playground, and Chainlink fencing with a gate. The project was sanctioned under the District Capex (BDC) Plan 2025-26 and is estimated to cost ₹24.89 lakhs. Chainlink fencing with gate was sanctioned under the District Capex



MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia laying foundation stone of development work.

(PRI) Plan 2025-26 and is estimated to cost ₹8.13 lakhs. The development will be undertaken by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Prominent among those present on the occasion

included Sarpanchs Tridwan Dhyen Singh , Punjab Singh ,Bhopinder Sharma, Sushma Naib Sarpanch Dixit Sharma Ex Mandal Pradhan, Rajesh Sharma Arun , Mohinder Kohli , Pyara Singh , Jaimal Singh , Balbir

Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Jasrotia highlighted the importance of creating quality public spaces that nurture youth talent and promote healthy living. He reaffirmed the party's commitment to the overall development and welfare of the constituency. He said in the evolving landscape of education, academic excellence alone is no longer sufficient to prepare student for the challenges of life. The development project, with an estimated cost of Rs 33 lakh, is aimed at improving sports infrastructure to provide better recreational opportunities for the youth of the area, Jasrotia said.

Regional AWWA Northern Command celebrates ‘Dhruva Tara Asmita 2025’



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UDHAMPUR: Regional AWWA Northern Command Udhampur hosted the much-awaited event 'Dhruva Tara Asmita 2025' on 01 November 2025 at Chinar Complex, Udhampur. The event served as a powerful platform for resilient Army Wives and Veer Naris to share their deeply moving life experiences. Their heartfelt stories of courage, sacrifice, and determination resonated across the AWWA fraternity, leaving a lasting emotional impact and inspiring everyone to

continue being the 'Pillars of Strength' behind the Olive Greens. The highlight of the event was the presence of Manju Singh, wife of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Her encouraging words and presence added value and warmth to the celebration. Shinei Sharma, Regional President AWWA, Northern Command, thanked the distinguished guests, felicitated the participants and acknowledged the unwavering spirit of the women, who

despite facing life's toughest challenges, continue to shine with grace, strength, and positivity. The stories shared reflected diverse journeys of overcoming adversity, each one a beacon of inspiration. The event was streamed live, enabling members of the Northern Command AWWA fraternity and others to witness the celebration virtually. 'Dhruva Tara Asmita 2025' left a profound impression on all those who attended, reaffirming AWWA's commitment to empowerment, solidarity, and emotional strength within the extended Army family.

Langeh distributes relief material among flood-affected families

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RAMBAN: In a compassionate outreach to flood-affected families, BJP District President Ramban and former MLA Neelam Langeh today distributed ration and other essential items among the affected residents of Panchayat Halqa Tangar. The initiative aimed to provide immediate relief to those whose lives and livelihoods were disrupted due to recent flash floods in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Langeh said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stands firmly with every family facing hardship



MLA Neelam Langeh distributing ration and other essential items among affected residents.

and will continue to extend all possible assistance to ensure their rehabilitation. He added, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's govern-

ment is committed to serving the people at every level. Under his leadership, the administration has strengthened disaster response and

ensured that help reaches the last person in need." He emphasized that natural calamities test the resilience of communities, but with collective effort and government support, normalcy will soon be restored in affected areas. "We are working in coordination with local authorities to ensure that no family is left without support," he said. Several BJP leaders, including Advocate Khajoor Singh, BJP District General Secretary Ramban Gurdeep Singh Chib, Party Spokesperson Mohd Ali Sohil, and BJP Mandal General Secretary Ramesh

Kumar, accompanied District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh during the relief distribution programme. The local residents expressed gratitude towards Langeh and the BJP team for reaching out promptly and providing necessary aid. They appreciated the party's efforts in standing beside them during this difficult time. Langeh assured continuous monitoring of the situation and reiterated BJP's commitment to rebuilding the affected areas and ensuring long-term relief measures for the welfare of the people.

Pakistan promoting narcotic terrorism in J&K: Kesri



SSH President Pandit Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

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ARNIA: Sena Hindustan, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri Sunday organized a meeting in Arnia to discuss the growing concern of drug menace in the region. The meeting was attended by a large number of youth, elderly, and women from the village. The meeting discussed the menace of narcotic terrorism and its impact on the youth of the region. The meeting was attended by Balwant Saini, Block President; Rajkumar, Border President; Sanjeev Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Jagwal President; Captain Gaurav Ram; Captain Om Prakash; Satpal; Dhiraj Kumar; Brahmddev; Vijay Luthra; Rajkumar and dozens of other villagers. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri emphasized the need to educate the youth and the general public about the dangers of narcotics and the role of Pakistan in promoting narcotic terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The attendees decided to launch a village-level campaign to sensitize people about the issue and to encourage them to report any suspicious activity to the authorities. Kesri highlighted the efforts of the police in cracking down on narcotic

trafficking and the need for continued vigilance to curb this menace. The attendees paid tribute to the police for their recent successes in seizing narcotics in Kathua, RS Pura and Gandhi Nagar areas of Jammu. Kesri appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to join hands in the fight against narcotic terrorism and to work towards a healthier and more prosperous future for the region. Kesri highlighted the alarming issue of heroin being smuggled into the region and its devastating impact on the youth. He emphasized that Pakistan is promoting narco-terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir as a proxy war to weaken the country. Kesri appreciated the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and administration in curbing the drug menace. He mentioned that the police have been working tirelessly to

seal the houses of smugglers and arrest those involved in the trade. Kesri urged the villagers to join hands with the authorities to combat the drug menace. He requested the villagers to provide information about any suspicious activity or person involved in the trade, assuring them that their identity would be kept confidential. The meeting resolved to work together to combat the drug menace and protect the youth from falling prey to this evil. The villagers were urged to report any suspicious activity to the authorities and to keep a watch on their children. The meeting was a significant step towards creating awareness about the drug menace and its impact on the youth. It highlighted the need for community participation in combating this issue and ensuring a bright future for the young generation.

Nagar Kirtan taken out in Poonch to celebrate Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

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POONCH: A grand Nagar Kirtan was organized in Poonch to mark the Prakash Utsav of the First Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, with great devotion and enthusiasm. The procession, led by Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji, Shiromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib, Poonch, witnessed massive participation of devotees from across the district. The holy Guru Granth Sahib Ji was placed in a beautifully decorated palanquin as the procession commenced from Historic Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch. The devotees sang Gurbani hymns, played traditional musical instruments, and displayed their martial art skills (Gatka). The Nagar Kirtan passed through Main Bazaar, Fort Bazaar, Bus



Stand, and briefly halted at ITI Ground, where a traditional Gatka display captivated the audience. The proces-

sion concluded at Gurdwara Singh Sabha after passing through Parade Bazaar. Addressing the Sangat near

Historic Poonch Fort, Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji shared insights from the divine life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, emphasizing His message of universal brotherhood, humility, and devotion. He urged devotees to imbibe Guru Nanak's teachings in their daily lives, saying that "Guru Nanak Dev Ji taught that one can connect with God through a clean conscience and truthful living." Mahant Ji further encouraged the youth to stay away from bad habits, engage in Naam Simran (meditation on God's Name), and walk on the path of righteousness to gain the blessings of the Guru. On the occasion, S. Narinder Singh, President of the

District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Poonch, and S. Harcharan Singh, General Secretary DGPC, also addressed the Sangat and reflected upon the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The DGPC President expressed gratitude to Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, SSP Poonch, Shri Shaket Hussain Bhat, ASP Poonch Mohan, JB Singh Sr Reporter, the police and administrative departments, and Sanatan Dharam Sabha Poonch for their full cooperation and excellent arrangements ensuring the smooth conduct of the Nagar Kirtan.

Tajdaar-e-Madinah conference held

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POONCH: A spiritually uplifting Tajdaar-e-Madinah Conference was organized in Poonch under the banner of Tanzeem Ulama-e-Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, Poonch, drawing a massive crowd of devotees, scholars, and community members from across the region. Thousands of participants from all tehsils of Poonch, as well as from Rajouri, Reasi, and Jammu, attended the conference, which was marked by heartfelt devotion, inspiring speeches, and a strong call for unity within the Muslim

Ummah. People from all walks of life religious scholars, professionals, youth, and students joined the gathering. In a special ceremony, students who excelled in academics and competitive examinations were honoured and awarded, emphasizing the significance of education, hard work, and moral excellence in Islam. Mufti Nazir Ahmed Qasmi, Shaikhul Hadees, Darul Uloom Bandipura, attended the event as the chief guest. In his address, he highlighted that the true love for

the Prophet Muhammad (?) is demonstrated not merely through words but through living according to his Sunnah by showing compassion, promoting justice, and serving humanity. "The Holy Prophet is the perfect role model for all of mankind," Mufti Qasmi said. "His life teaches us peace, patience, and perseverance. If Muslims embody his teachings, we will find unity and success once again." Delivering a passionate and heartfelt message, Maulana Sayid A. Habib, Chairman of Tanzeem

Ulama-e-Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, Poonch, urged the Muslim community to rise above petty disputes and embrace brotherhood. "The entire Ummah should stop pointing out differences among themselves," Maulana Habib said. "These divisions only weaken us. The Holy Prophet (?) taught us to love and support each other. Let us come together under one banner and work for peace, unity, and the welfare of all and make a society free from all evils. A powerful address was also

delivered by Maulana Ghulam Qadir Chief Patron of Jamia Zia-ul-Uloom Poonch. He spoke on the Prophet's message of universal mercy, compassion, and knowledge, urging Muslims to reflect those qualities in their lives. "The Prophet came as a mercy for all worlds," he said. "He taught forgiveness, humility, and the pursuit of knowledge. If we wish to progress as a community, we must follow his noble example both in faith and in character." Throughout the event, all speakers emphasized that unity, educa-

tion, and moral reform are essential for strengthening the Ummah and fulfilling the vision of the Prophet Muhammad. The conference concluded with special prayers (duas) for peace, harmony, and the spiritual well being of the Muslim community. The immense participation and atmosphere of devotion reflected the deep-rooted love for the Holy Prophet among the people of Poonch and surrounding regions. Maulana Fateh Muhammad and Maulana Abdullah Qasmi also spoke on the occasion.

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