

# J&K UT administration brings smiles, hopes to farmers in Hiranagar sector

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KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir UT administration has brought smiles and new hopes to border residents of Hiranagar sector by facilitating them to cultivate land beyond the border fence abounded two decades back, thanks to the repeated skirmishes by Pakistan army to execute its deceitful designs.

The happy faces of farmers of the border belt of Hiranagar was a much anticipated outcome for the administration of Jammu & Kashmir as it has been putting in its concerted efforts to bring cultivation back on farmland along the International Border.

With the breakthrough efforts of the administration, the farmers finally returned to their abandoned land together around 150 acres for the first time in 20 years, paving the way for new era of prosperity for the border dwellers of Hiranagar of Kathua district.

Pertinently, over 5000 acres of fertile land of farmers along the International Border spread across 22 border villages from Paharpur to Loni in Hiranagar sector remained fallow for two decades due to frequent firing/shelling from Pakistan side hampering farmers



Farmers ploughing fields beyond border fencing at Hiranagar.

financially. Besides, posing a serious disadvantage/threat to BSF (Border Security Forces) as the luxurious growth of weed in uncultivated land will obstruct the vigil on the intruders.

As a Confidence Building Measure to restore the stalled farming activity, the UT administration made a restoration plan under which Agriculture Department with the help of BSF authorities roped in in Bullet Proof Tractors and other logistics and undertook the herculean task of clearing weeds in area majorly wild reeds (Sarkanda) growth. After days of hard work to clear weeds, rounds of tilling in almost barren land, around 90 acres of land was successfully cultivated by sowing wheat crop. This attempt by

the authorities yielded a produce of 185 quintals of Wheat as a reward of their efforts to make a congenial atmosphere for farming activity.

Soon after the ceasefire was announced by both the sides in February this year, the administration started mulling over the idea of putting the left out fallow land to productive use by encouraging farmers to cultivate their land themselves this time. The UT administration made concerted efforts to bring farmers on board and held several round of meetings with stakeholders and all their issues were discussed, deliberated and addressed systematically as the farmers of the neighboring country are cultivating up to zero line on their side.

The idea of bringing cultivation back in border farmland initially received a cold response from the farming community as they were reluctant owing to uncertainty and apprehension regarding ceasefire violation from the Pakistani side.

The team from the Agriculture and Revenue department was detailed to provide all support to the farmers under the security of BSF authorities. A framework was also devised to ensure smooth access to the farmers on the Zero line who were reeling under the constant threat of shelling from across the border.

Responding to the concerns raised by the farming community regarding the demarcation of the abandoned fields, District

Administration Kathua deputed teams of Revenue Department to take up the task of demarcation putting their concerns to rest.

The farmers plough their fertile fields and started sowing wheat crop up to Zero Line across the fencing on Indo-Pak International Border.

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Yadav and BSF Commandant, Atul Shah accompanied by Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Vijay Upadhyaya visited Border out Post (BoP) Chandwan on Forward Line on IB and began the sowing of wheat crops on Zero Line.

Receiving positive response from the initiative of UT administration, there is a wave of optimism and positivity among the farming community of the border area.

The success made so far has infused much hope among the farmers about the cultivation of the remaining land mass in coming times. This path breaking step of Administration of infusing a new life into the tormented souls will be a win-win strategy both for the farming community as well as UT administration from economic as well as strategic point of view.

## Course on 'Investigation of Heinous Criminal' for cops concludes at SKPA



A participant officer receiving certificate.

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UDHAMPUR:

Five days

course on "Investigation of Heinous Criminal Offences" concluded today at Sheri-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur. (23) Police officers of UT J&K attended the training programme.

A valediction function was organised in the Academy. Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration) SKPAU was the chief guest. In his valedictory address Vinay Kumar informed the audience that the course was co-ordinated by Sh. Tahir Hussain, Dy.SP, Asstt. Director (Indoor), Sh. Tarseem Kumar, Insp. member faculty.

The speakers from Academia, experts from STC BSF Udhampur and Faculty from the Academy shared their rich experiences with the participants. The course was co-ordinated by Sh. Tahir Hussain, Dy.SP, Asstt. Director (Indoor), Sh. Tarseem Kumar, Insp. member faculty.

## Senior Citizens Welfare Forum holds 86th General Body Meeting



Forum members during the meeting at Katra.

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KATRA:

86th General

Body Meeting of Senior

Citizens Welfare Forum

Katra (Regd.) was held at

PWD Guest House, Katra.

Meeting was chaired by

its President Shiv Kumar

Sharma and proceedings

were conducted by Sukhdev

Singh, Vice-president of

the forum.

Various allied issues were discussed thread bare in the meeting besides Sabita Devi, a Vaccinator (Female Multipurpose Health Worker) of Community Health Centre Katra who has played an outstanding role in Vaccination and Jatinder Singh Jasrotia, Tehsildar, Katra were honoured in the meeting by presenting them Mata Ki Chunari.

Sabita Devi expressed her views and experience of life and also sang beautiful songs. Jatinder Singh Jasrotia while speaking on the occasion termed senior citizens as a treasury of knowledge and spirit. He also made an appeal to all the 31 members present in the meeting to point out mistake, if any knowingly Or unknowingly done in my office.

## GDC Jindrah organises Swachhta Abhiyan cum health awareness programme



Faculty along with students during the event.

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JINDRAH:

The NSS unit of

Government Degree College

(GDC) Jindrah in collabora-

tion with Tehsil

Administration and Medical

Team of Jindrah village

organised

Swachhata

Abhiyan cum Health aware-

ness programme under

#Clean India Campaign

on the last day of the year 2021.

Prof. Rajshree Dhar,

Principal, GDC, Jindrah

applauded the efforts of

the NSS team and

Volunteers and

also congratulated

Tehsil

administration and medical

staff for joining in such a

wonderful venture.

Dr. Sunil Sharma,

Program officer, NSS Unit

of GDC Jindrah supervised

the whole programme

and Dr. Seema,

Librarian and

member of NSS team com-

plied and reported the whole

event.

Dr. Hrav Gupta, Tehsildar

Dansal; Sadia Ahmed, BDO,

Dansal; Medical Officer, Dr.

Shafeen koul and staff, PHC

Jindrah; Sub-Inspector

Ayub, Chowki Officer,

Manwal; and Anil Sharma,

President, JK Panchayat

conference were roped in for

the occasion.

## PTT Vijaypur organises farewell function



PTT officials along with retirees.

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur on Friday organised an impressive farewell function upon superannuation of SI Romesh Kumar after completion of 41 years of unblemished service in Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Khalil Ahmed Poswal, SSP Principal PTTI Vijaypur as well as other officers of the Institute appreciated the services

Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice Principal, Sajjad Ahmad Khan, Dy.SP (Indoor/PIO), Satish Kumar, Dy.SP (Adm/Outdoor), Insp. Anil Sagar (RI/CDI), Insp. Daljeet Singh (CLI), Insp. Neeraj Kumar, Insp. Surinder Paul, Insp. Rakesh Bamba, Insp. Manoj Kumar, Insp. Vishal Kumar, Insp. Rattan Singh, Insp. Vivek Kalsotra were present on the occasion.

## Education Deptt accords farewell to ZEO Naseem Akther



Edu Deptt officials acceding farewell to ZEO Naseem Akther.

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MANDI: ZEO Office Mandi on Friday held an impressive function to bid farewell to outgoing ZEO Naseem Akther who attained superannuation after serving 40 years in the district in education department. Staff of Zonal Education Officer Mandi, teacher, clerical staff present during the function. On the occasion, a number of speakers, while enumerating various qualities of the official, extended their best wishes for his future life. They lauded the efforts of Naseem Akther and termed him as one of the dedicated, hardworking and reliable employee of education department particularly Block Mandi who always remain remembered for his utmost service. Speaking on the occasion, Naseem Akther thanked everyone especially block officers with whom he got an opportunity to work with, during 40 year long services, for extending all sort of support in performing his official duties.

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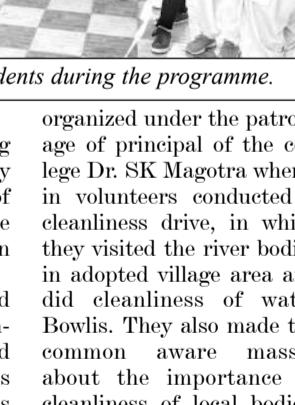
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SSP Reasi Shailender Singh along with retirees and others.

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Surjeet Kumar Bhagat,

organized under the patronage of principal of the college Dr. SK Magotra wherein volunteers of NSS Unit of Bhaskar Degree College (BDC) concluded on Friday.

The camp was organised on Dec. 22 in which number of activities were carried out in the college premises and outdoor also. Camp was

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