

Jat Mahasabha standing shoulder to shoulder with Gharana farmers: Ch Manmohan

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RS PURA: Former Mayor and President All India Jat Mahasabha, Ch Manmohan Singh on Saturday asserted that his organization will support the farmers from Gharana Wetland area whose land is being taken away by the government without giving the adequate compensation and other relief as per norms.

The Jat leader was speaking during a visit to the spot in the village Gharana as he led a delegation of community members hailing from different places including Kathua, Hiranagar, Samba, Vijaypur, Bishnah, Suchetgarh, R S Pura, Akhnour, Jourian, Nowshera and Jammu. Those who accompanied Ch Manmohan include Prem Pal Pala, AIJMS President, Vijaypur Constituency; Ch Darshan Lal, BDC Chairman Ramgarh; Sarpanch Ch



President AIJMS, Ch Manmohan Singh along with protesting farmers of Gharana.

Roop Lal, President AIJMS Tehsil Ramgarh; President Tehsil Vijaypur; Rattan Lal Tehsil President AIJMS Samba; Sarpanch Reena Choudhary, Mahila Wing President Samba; Sunil Choudhary, President AIJMS Bishnah; Sarpanch Ch Dev Raj; Sunil Choudhary (C.A), District President Jammu; Kuldeep Kour, Tehsil President Akhnour; Pawan Choudhary Vice President Jammu

Urban district; Tarsem Choudhary, Tehsil President AIJMS Khour and Ankush Choudhary, General Secretary AIJMS.

The Jat Mahasabha delegation visited the Gharana Village on the requests of Jat farmers affected by the aforesaid move of the government. Ch Manmohan Singh was warmly welcome by the Gharana farmers.

While interacting with Ch Manmohan, the affected

farmers said that they also approached the court to seek justice but to no avail as the government has making false statements in the court against them thus forcing them to take the path of agitation. The affected farmers said that they wanted a government job for one member of each affected family and land swapping in case of compensation. They alleged that the government is showing extreme level of indifference while displacing them from their land but they will not allow this to happen.

After listening to the plight of affected farmers including the Jat community members of the area, Ch Manmohan said that the government should consider the pleas of the farmers without fail as their demands are the most genuine and not at all exaggerated. He said that Jat Mahasabha will support the

cause of affected lot with complete sincerity and will leave no stone unturned to mould the government to go for via-media in this case as the affected lot has a valid point because what they are demanding is rightful and their right indeed.

While addressing the gathering, Ch Manmohan Singh has also taken up the matter with Rakesh Singh Tikait, Bharatiya Kisan Union leader telephonically and sought his support for the affected farmers of Gharana Wetland. Rakesh Tikait assured Ch Manmohan full support for the cause of farmers and also assured to visit the spot shortly.

Ch Manmohan Singh also appreciated the efforts of Sarpanch Gurdial Singh and Sushma Choudhary from Gharana for fighting the cause of farmers.

GM NHPC Dulhasti Power Station meets DC, SSP

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KISHTWAR: After taking over the charge of NHPC Dulhasti Power Station as General Manager (In-charge) Rajan Jairath, met Ashok Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar and Shafqat Bhat, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar on Saturday.

Rajan Jairath, General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station met Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar at his office at District Headquarters/ Secretariat and greeted him on the occasion of new year. During the meeting, Rajan Jairath discussed various issues related to Dulhasti Power Station and the



GM (In-charge) Rajan Jairath, calling on Ashok Kumar Sharma, DC Kishtwar.

Deputy Commissioner assured to provide all possible support to Dulhasti Power Station. Further, Rajan Jairath also met Shafqat Bhat, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar at his office and greeted him on the occasion of New Year and discussed the security related matters

and the Senior Superintendent of Police assured to provide all possible assistance to Dulhasti Power Station.

On this occasion, Ashok Kumar Dhanval, Senior Manager (HR) and Shri Shailendra Kumar Yadav, Assistant Manager (Public Relation) were present.

Winter carnival attracts huge tourists' footfall at Patnitop

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PATNITOP: The two-day Patnitop winter carnival witnessed huge footfall of visitors who visited Sanasar, Kud and Batote to celebrate the New Year.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam inaugurated the winter carnival at Patnitop in presence of SSP, Ramban, Mohita Sharma, ADC, Harbans Sharma, CEO, PDA, Thakur Sher Singh, Dy. Director Tourism (Jammu), Naresh Kumar and several other dignitaries.

The main attraction of the programme was the thrilling performance of renowned Punjabi singers Lakhwinder Vadali and Sangram Hanjra. According to Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, Sher Singh, the carnival was organised by PDA in collaboration with the Tourism Department and the district administrations of Ramban and Udhampur to promote tourism in Patnitop and its surrounding areas. A large number of tourists from all over India, especially U.P. Delhi, Punjab, Chandigarh, Karnataka through the Padoora area at Patnitop and enjoyed the activities organized by the department during the mega event of winter carnival and "Bid adieu to 2021 & Welcomed 2022" amidst strict Covid protocols. Tourists were enthralled by many musical performances. The three-day carnival coincided with the New Year celebrations amid snowfall season at Patnitop which is a major attraction for the tourists. The event was a confluence of local Dogri art, ethnic cuisines, cultural performances, run activities, snow games and adventure activities to engage the tourists and showcase indigenous culture with other engaging activities during the celebrations. The festival was a major attraction for the tourists who visited Patnitop and enjoyed the beautiful snowfall with the Dance-Music-Adventure-Food fest. The tourists appreciated the efforts of the Tourism Department by organizing the tourism activities in the region and making elaborate arrangements for celebration of the Snow Festival on New Year's Eve at Patnitop.

War against terrorism to reach logical conclusion soon: BJP leader

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RAMBAN: Former MLA Ramban, Neelam Langeh has lauded the role of security forces in eliminating the terrorists during the year 2021.

In a statement issued to media here today, Langeh said that elimination of 184 terrorists including their 44 commanders with 20 among the killed being foreigners is undoubtedly a very big achievement.

The BJP leader said security forces deserve full kudos for the feat as it is for the first time after the inception of terrorism in the Valley that the number of active terrorists has come down below 200 including 86 local terrorists only. He expressed satisfaction and optimism saying that the rate at which the terrorists are being eliminated in the Valley, the day is not far when the last man with gun in hand will be 'taken care of' by the ever alert security forces by either showing him the way to hell or ensure his stay inside the prison for rest of his life.

SCCU celebrates New Year 2022

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UDHAMPUR: Senior Citizens' Club Udhampur (SCCU) organised an impressive function to celebrate New Year 2022. Under strict corona guidelines, prominent citizens from all walks of life, specially-able persons and club members participated in the event. Chief Guest retired Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Vijay Singh Sambyal, along with others present unveiled the New Year Calendar of the Club. A two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect on the demise of 12 people in Katra Mata Vaishnoo Devi tragedy.

On the occasion President of the Club Mahadeep Singh Jamwal said that the passing year 2021 has given us many constant challenges and they are going to continue in 2022.

We have to look for rapid

transformation and the possible alternatives to overcome them in 2022. Jamwal on behalf of Club extended best wishes to the citizenry and stressed upon observing the necessary protocol to defeat the Pandemic for the healthy and happy life.

Chief Guest Vijay Singh Sambyal while talking to media appreciated the efforts of the club in mobilizing and encouraging the society for the awareness and their responsibilities in building nation.

The way retired fraternity of Udhampur is delivering on the Club platter is source of inspiration for all other district retirees to follow the footsteps of the Udhampur Club. Club honored the Chief Guest by presenting a memento and thanked him for sparing his valuable time and traversing to Udhampur from Jammu to bless and guide the Club.

Army distributes winter clothing among slum

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RAJOURI: Extending helping hand to poor slum dwellers families in Rajouri town, Indian Army's town regiment on Saturday distributed warm winter clothing among these families.

The clothings were distributed by Indian Army's Field Regiment that also looks after the Rajouri town security and is considered as Town Regiment.

Under the initiative, army personnel of the battalion visited different slum areas in Rajouri town and distributed clothing among the poor families.



Army officials distributing winter clothes among needy.

The distributed material included pullovers, sweaters and other warm clothing for winter season. The poor slum dwellers

expressed their gratitude to army personnel for extending helping hand in ongoing bone chilling winter season.

GDC Nowshera holds essay writing competition

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N O W S H E R A : Department of Punjabi, Govt.Degree College Nowshera to commemorates the martyrdom of youngest Martyrs in the history of the world organized

essay writing competition on the topic "Chote Sahibzade Di Shahidi Nu Samarpit".

Harpreet Kour of semester 6th secured 1st position while Harpreet Kour from semester 3rd and

Ramneek Kour from semester 6th secured second and third positions. The overall competition was organized under the guidance of Principal of the college, Dr.Surinder Kumar.

Week-long workshop on Capacity Building Programme on 'Content enrichment in Mathematics & Science' concludes

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JAMMU: To enlighten and explore the sphere of NEP-2020, SCERT JK Jammu Division, organized workshops on Capacity Building Programme on Content enrichment in Mathematics & Science for Elementary and Secondary for Key Resource Persons for five districts: Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, Rajouri and Poonch.

The workshop commenced under the able guidance of Director SCERT JK, Prof. Veena Pandita.

In the valedictory ceremony, Surinder Kumar, Joint Director, SCERT JK Jammu Division, addressed the participants. Other dignitaries present on of the dice were Associate Professors/ CEO



SCERT Officials along with others during workshop.

Equivalent, Pawan Gupta, Kishor Kumar, N P Singh, Deepak Sharma, P S Billowaria and B D Sharma, Sr. Academic Officers, Kuldeep Kumar and Raj Kumar, Academic Officers.

In the valedictory ceremony, Surinder Kumar stressed upon redefining the

roles and responsibilities of teachers by variably upscaling the upto date know-how of education. He also envisaged about content enrichment of subject with diversity of knowledge so as to simplify the concept and make it understandable for practical applicability in the field with the hope that

workshop will help KRPs to transform the learning from the workshop to the field.

Deepak Sharma (Sr.Academic Officer) instilled further with his wise words establishing a balance between teaching pedagogy, content enrichment while discussing the implementation challenges of NEP-2020.

Pawan Gupta stressed upon attainment of learning outcomes. N P Singh and Kishore Kumar further added that such programmes improve range and competencies of the teachers.

The valedictory ceremonies was moderated by Irviner Kour and Ashu Magotra Programme Co-ordinators of Science and Mathematics respectively.

Dr.Sabeta Kohli, Nayeema Firdous, Pratibha and Ravinder Verma acted as Assistant Co-ordinators in the workshop.

Yogal Kishore and Akash Khajuria also acted as Technical Assistants.

The workshops were fostered by creative sessions by eminent resource person in Mathematics: Dr Jagdish Raj Panotra, Naresh Kumar Jain, Bhupinder Gupta, Rohit Sharma and in Science : R K Chadda, Dr Madhu Sharma, Dr Balgar Singh, Amol Sharma, Sachin Goel, Harpreet Singh, Sunil Sharma, Ranjit Kumar, Kuldeep Gupta, Ekta Nanda & Jawaz Iqbal. The programme concluded very smoothly in a congenial atmosphere.

Forest Deptt conducts 'Har Gaon Haryali' plantation drive



Gurdwara Management along with Forest officials planting sapling.

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POONCH: Forest Division Poonch conducted plantation drive under the aegis of "Har Gaon Haryali" programme at Nagali Sahab Gurudwara here

in Poonch on Saturday in the presence of chairman of Gurdwara Management Committee Manager Bhupinder Singh. Division Forest Officer Poonch emphasized on the importance of plants and conducting such plantation drives in religious places of poonch. Chairman appreciated the efforts of Forest Department for increasing the awareness among local public about plantation and conducting plantation drives. This year, all panchayats and religious places of poonch district will be covered under the programme, informed Range officer Haveli.

NSS Seven Days Winter Camp concludes at GDC Thannamandi

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THANNAMANDI: NSS Unit of GDC Thannamandi concluded 7 days winter camp by conducting valedictory function. Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi presided over the function. The chief guest of the occasion was Tehsildar Thannamandi Sayed Sahil Ali Shah.

While addressing the Volunteers he advised them to work with zeal and dedication for a successful Career. The camp was conducted from 24-12-2021 to 31-12-2021. The NSS Volunteers participated with great enthusiasm in the week long winter camp. In this winter camp a number of activities were organized viz Cleanliness drive in college campus, Awareness Campaign regarding Health and Hygiene, Beautification of college

campus and Essay writing Competition on Drug Addiction etc. In the valedictory function volunteers performed various cultural activities and a skit on "Women Empowerment".

Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college lauded the efforts of the NSS Unit for efficiently completing the task assigned to them. On this occasion mementos were distributed among the volunteers who secured positions in different activities conducted throughout the camp. The proceeding of the programme was conducted by Ms. Ishrat Javaid Head Girl NSS and Mr. Adil Rauf Khan Head Boy NSS. The formal welcome address was presented by Prof. Muhammad Shoket NSS Programme Officer and Vote of Thanks was presented by Mr. Adil Rauf Khan Head Boy.

AYUSH Department distributes immunity boosting medicines

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RAMBAN: Free immunity boosting medicines were distributed by the Department of Indian System of Medicine, AYUSH, Ramban here at village Batali. The AYUSH team also sensitized the people about the importance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour: As per the District Nodal Officer AYUSH, Dr. Sanjay Chadha, 120 immunity boosting kits of 6 Medicines were distributed among the locals. While making people aware, Medical Officer, Dr Sayima Chowdhary and paramedical staff gave a

detailed briefing on the importance of strong immunity for fighting against COVID-19. They also informed about the initiatives and measures undertaken by the ISM, AYUSH to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. The people were advised to follow Covid SoPs including wearing face masks, washing hands and maintaining physical distance. The Doctor also urged people to take Covid 19 vaccination if due at their nearest Covid Vaccination Centres, which is the only protection against the deadly infection.

DC Rajouri reviews preparations for inoculation of children in 15-17 yr age-group

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday asked the concerned departments to make synergised efforts to achieve covid vaccination of children in 15 to 17 agegroup in the district starting from January 3, 2022 across the country.

He was speaking at a meeting to discuss the modalities for the successful conduct of the COVID inoculation drive for the said age group in the district.

Officers who attended the meeting included ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; Principal GDC Rajouri, Shakeel Raina; DSEO, Bilal Rashid Mir; CMO, Dr Shamim Un Nissa Bhatti; Dy CMO, Dr Anees Altaf Nabi; MS DH, Dr Mehmood; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; DAC, Dr Farooq and other concerned officers.

The DC asked the heads of Educational institutions to



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

identify the number of children falling under the 15-17 year age bracket so as to ensure their vaccination within the shortest possible time.

They were further directed to identify the school dropouts in the targeted age group and share the list with the Health Department to cover them at the earliest.

Laying special emphasis on intensifying testing and vaccination, the DC directed the concerned authorities to make synergized efforts to accelerate the process with special focus on targeted

groups in addition to the ongoing vaccination drive.

He further asked to scale up testing to avert the imminent threat of Omicron. He also set a six day timeline for administering the first dose to age appropriate children.

Stressing on ensuring strict adherence to COVID protocols, the DC directed the officers not to lower the guard and continue to maintain the highest level of alertness to ensure implementation of SOPs. He also asked for strict action against the violators of COVID SOPs.

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