

# ST Impact: Finally Mehboob’s family of Bhadarwah gets sanction letter under PMAY Urban

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BHADARWAH: After the news showing the plight of Bhadarwah’s Mehboob Ahmed Fani who has been living in a tin shed in extreme cold conditions along with his ten family members, EO Municipal Committee Bhadarwah fast tracked his case and after getting approval in record time, today EO MC Bhadarwah personally visited there and handover the sanction letter to the family under PMAY Urban as a special case. The family expressed their gratitude to STATE TIMES for highlighting the issue and also thank EO Yousaf-ul-Umar who resolved the issue on priority.

Shelterless Mehboob and his family of Bhadarwah, was compelled to survive under a tin shed since long after authorities failed to provide assistance under PMAY urban even after lapse of years together; finally heaved a sigh of relief after MC Bhadarwah provided sanction under Pradhan Mantri Awaas



EO MC Bhadarwah handing-over sanction letter to family under PMAY Urban .

Yojna(PMAY) Urban as a special case within days. Poverty-stricken Mehboob Ahmed Fani(50) who lives in Chinar Mohalla of Bhadarwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, is sole bread-earner for a family of ten is living in a small tin shed in the bone-chilling cold in snow bound Bhadarwah along with his aged mother Raja Begum, wife Shaheena Begum, 3 children including Saima Bano, Asif Hussain, Sania Bano and two infants (Salma 4 yrs & Hania 1.5 years) beside his two younger siblings.

It is notable the family of

Mehboob Ahmed Fani has been living in the tin shed for the last three years, which is presently surrounded with knee height snow. Even during the below-freezing minus 10 and 12 temperature, the family is putting up in this shed. Unfortunately, Fani a Daily-wage safai-Karamchhari could not afford to shift his family into a safe rented place. The Municipal Committee Bhadarwah is mere 1km away from Mehboob's dingy shed, but the department never ever even thought to enlist him under the scheme - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) urban.

Mehboob Fani is a daily wage Safai Karmachari of MCB and works each day to keep the family pot boiling. Three years back he had written to the local Municipal committee and the block office for a pucca house, but till date nothing has happened. Fani alleged that, he has appealed at least 10 times to the concerned authorities for help to avail of the PMAY facility, but to no avail.

Pertinently, State Times last week, carried this story highlighting the plight of the Mehboob's family, who was living in a tin shed along with his 10 family members including aged mother and minor childrens. Following the story, MCB officials swung into action and consequently, EO MC Bhadarwah Yousaf-ul-Umar along with other officials visited the family and assured to take corrective measures in the case on priority basis. The family, who has lost all hope of getting any help as they have been leaving in miserable conditions including harsh weather after

heavy snowfall, finally heaved a sigh of relief as they received sanction letter by the EO MC Bhadarwah Yousaf-ul-Umar himself at their doorstep to start construction work of dream house.

The family, who was depressed and in tears when this Correspondent visited them last week to file the story, is today smiling from ear to ear and everyone in the family is all praise for STATE TIMES for highlighting their issue and getting the approval to start construction.

Mehboob Ahmed Fani said that after running from pillar to post and literally begging before officials for last three years, I almost gave up and started believing that we will never get a roof on our heads but you came as an angel igniting a new ray of hope for us. Fani said that today EO MC Bhadarwah visited here and handover sanction letter and also assured first advance installment soon. I am thankful to EO MC Bhadarwah as well for taking this case on priority. Insha-Allah, we will

enter our home soon and for this I will remain indebted to STATE TIMES.

Shaheena Begum wife of Mehboob Fani said that I have been living in constant fear with my family and was apprehensive that wether we will be able to survive this harsh winters after heavy snowfall, but you saved us and for this I will keep on praying for you. EO MC Bhadarwah Yousaf-ul-Umar, who personally visited the family to hand over sanction letter, said, "after Media reports, i personally visited there and came to know about the miserable condition of the family and hardships they were facing despite following all the required norms."

EO informed that the case was taken up on priority and within days, the sanction letter under PMAY urban scheme has been handed over to the family today to start construction. We will provide first advance installment(FAI) as soon as possible in view of Mehboob's financial conditions.

## Awareness campaign on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' & CAB starts at Samba

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SAMBA: As a part of ongoing Nationwide celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, an outreach programme on Amrit Mahotsav and COVID Appropriate Behavior at Samba was organised by Field Outreach Bureau, Kathua under the aegis of Regional Outreach Bureau (J&K), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India.

On the inaugural day an announcement cab for awareness of COVID Appropriate Behavior was flagged off by Pawan Kohli, President

Municipal Council Samba in the presence of Ravi Khajuria, Councilor W.No.7, Sanjeev Padha, Councilor W.No. 3 of Samba, Vijay Mattoo, FPO, Kathua and Durga Prakash Manager, ROB Jammu.

Earlier a drawing competition was organized at GGHSS Samba, in which

about 25 students of various schools participated. In Junior group Master Shovit Gupta of K.P. Hr. Sec. School bagged 1st position, Ananya Sharma of J.K. Public School Jammu bagged 2nd position and Brinda Padha of K.P. Hr. Sec. School bagged 3rd Position. In Senior group Nayati Rajput got 1st prize, Parul Sharma and Khushi Ahirwar got 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively, all of them were from Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Samba. All the students were Honoured by FOB Kathua suitably in the presence of Principal Yashpaul and other staff members of Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Samba.

A cultural programme on CAB and AKAM was also organized at Emergency Hospital Vijaypur with distribution of stickers and masks among masses. The announcements and distribution of masks will continue in various Blocks of Samba for the next 4 days, informed FPO Kathua.

## Actor Shaheer Sheikh's father passes away, funeral performed in Bhadarwah



Bollywood actor Shaheer Sheikh along with his father Shahnawaz Sheikh.

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BHADARWAH: In a sad and shocking incident, father of Bollywood actor Shaheer Sheikh passed away yesterday after fighting battle with Covid-19 infection. The funeral of Shaheer's father Shahnawaz Sheikh held yesterday night in his ancestral graveyard Gatha area of Bhadarwah in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was also maternal uncle of Senior Journalist Tahir Nadeem Khan.

It is pertinent to mention that in the last two weeks, Shahnawaz's two brothers, Haq Nawaz Sheikh and Imtiaz Ahmed Sheikh, died on January 3rd and January 4th, this year, respectively.

Yesterday morning, Kuch Rang Pyaar Ke Aise Bhi actor Shaheer Sheikh took to Instagram to request his fans to pray for his father, who was critical due to a COVID-19 infection.

Shaheer took to his Twitter account and informed his fans that his father had contracted the coronavirus and was hospitalised.

He further shared that his father's condition is critical and is on ventilator. He urged his fans to keep his father in their prayers.

He wrote, "My dad is on a ventilator, suffering from a severe covid infection... pls keep him in your prayers."

After suffering from a severe COVID-19 infection, actor Shaheer Sheikh's father passed away yesterday.

Meanwhile Journalists of Bhadarwah expressed their heartfelt condolences with the family.

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AKHNOOR: The distinguished alumni of 1984 batch of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Sohal and son of the soil SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat JKPS, Dy Director Indoor SKPA today visited his school on the formal invitation of the Principal and staff. He was warmly welcomed by Dr. Madhu Sharma, Principal of the school.

SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat felt nostalgic and remembered the time back in 1984 when he used to study in the institute then an High school and said he is proud of the school which imparted him knowledge and skills to rise in the society. Mohan Lal Bhagat, a resident of village Gurah Jagir has received his education from

nursery to 10th from this school.

Dr. Madhu Sharma praised the consistent hard work with utmost sincerity done by SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat who cleared JKPS in 1999 and has been awarded The Police Medal for Gallantry by the President of India twice and also Meritorious Services Medal by the Honorable President of India. She requested him for his contribution for the enhancement of the standard of education delivery system of the institution by increasing the participation of civil society and the parents of students. She appealed to him for his regular visits and interactions with the students as he can inspire them to be like him and could contribute a lot for the nation like him.

## Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organises online inter-college debate competition

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H I R A N A G A R : Department of Education of Govt. GLDM Degree College Hiranagar on Thursday organised online Inter-College Debate Competition on the topic NEP - 2020 : Critical Analysis. Dr. Davinder Kour HOD Education and prof Kiran Thappa Assistant Professor in Education conducted this competition under the guidance of Prof. Suresh Sharma Patron Principal of the college.

Students of various Govt. Degree Colleges participated virtually in this Competition. They expressed their views through online mode.

Prof. Seema Sharma HOD Education of GDC Ramgarh, Prof Anupama Sharma Assistant Professor of Education and Prof. Poonam Assistant Professor of Hindi from PSPS Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar were the jury members. In this competition 1st position bagged by Mansi Bandal of B ed from GCOE , 2nd position shared by Komal of 3rd sem from GLDM Degree College Hiranagar and Shambavi of GCW Gandhi Nagar and 3rd position bagged by Mehak khajuria and Harishta of B.Ed from GCOE. Many students from different degree colleges participated in this competition.

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POONCH: Dozens of youth from Khari area of border district Poonch quit National Conference and joined Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference in presence of its State Youth Vice President Er. Rydham Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Rydham

said that JKPC is only hope of Jammu and Kashmir people. Kursheed Mayer, Irfan Ahmed, Shoket Ali, Mohd Ashiq, Mukhter Ahmed, Yavar Abas, Umar Ali, Shoket Hussain, Sajad khoker, Inran Bashir and others joined party while party workers Mohd Shahban, Inran Yousaf Kohli and others welcomed them in the partyfold.

## JKAACL organises online music programme

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SUNDERBANI: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) Rajouri organised an online folk and patriotic music programme in connection with the Celebration of Iconic Week as a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav at Sunderbani.

The event was conducted under the overall supervi-

sion of Secretary JKAACL Rahul Panday, where as Additional Secretary Sanjeev Rana monitored the activity.

The Folk music parties who performed on the occasion were Neeru Kanta and Party and Vinod Kumar and party

Dr. Alamdar Adam Special officer for cultural Activities (SOCA) Rajouri-

Poonch presented vote of thanks to the artists who performed and make the online event successful. He further stated that due to COVID restrictions it was not possible to organise off-line event so that the event conducted online. He also appealed the general public to follow up of COVID-19 guide lines and adopt Covid appropriate behaviour.

## ADDC Rajouri seeks people's cooperation in development process

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RAJOURI: To take the first-hand appraisal of the public grievances at their doorsteps, the Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Pawan Kumar on Thursday held a public outreach camp at Khawas. DDC Member Budhal Old-A, Shazia Kouser; BDC Chairperson Budhal Old-A, Javed Iqbal Chowdhary; DPO ICDS, Kartar Singh; CAO, Sohan Singh Singh; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; ExEn PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Husain and other District and Sectoral Officers were present during the event.

The program was organised adhering to all the COVID related protocols to avoid the risk of infection.

During the event, the public and their representatives apprised the visiting officer about several issues and demands of their areas including

macadamization of roads, up-gradation of schools, better health services, paucity of staff in Govt institutions.

The ADDC gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands projected by the public and their representatives and, passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for immediate redress of their genuine concerns.

Addressing the public during the event, the ADDC said that the District Administration is committed to provide all basic amenities to the public and ensure that the benefits reach the last man in the queue.

Underlining the people's role in developmental processes, he also appealed to the public to ensure their active participation in the developmental process to take their areas to new heights.

Calling for strict adherence to COVID related

protocols, he appealed to the public to follow COVID appropriate behaviour in letter and spirit to avert the third COVID wave in the district.

Highlighting several Govt schemes and programs meant for the welfare of the general public, he urged the people to come forward and avail the necessary benefits of the same.

He also directed the officers to work with a missionary zeal so that the people of the area may not be deprived of Government schemes besides he asked them to gear up their field machinery and ensure that the difficulties of the people are addressed and resolved at the earliest.

ADDC also assured the public that all their grievances have been documented and all their genuine concerns would be redressed in a phased manner with the intervention of the concerned departments.

## FOB Rajouri, GDC Nowshera organise integrated communication & outreach programme



Winners along with organisers during the event.

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NOWSHERA: As part of ongoing Intensive Communication & outreach Programmes, Field Outreach Bureau, Rajouri in collaboration with Government Degree College, Mowshera organised special publicity activities to aware masses about the history of India's Independence besides promoting Vaccination & Covid Appropriate Behavior.

The day long programmes were organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Principal of the host Institute. On this Occasion a Quiz Contest for 4 teams of the College comprising of two students each was organized. About 60 Questions related to Pre and post Independence era with special emphasis to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav were put to students to spread the awareness of India's Independence history followed by Patriotic songs and Poetry by students and faculty members. In the

Quiz Team A comprised of Akanksha Gupta and Sanjana Sharma, Team B consisted of Nihanika Gupta and Shiv priya Sharma, Team C comprised of Bhanu Sharma and Dishant Dutta while Team D comprised of Nasreen Akhter and Rishabh Kapoor: were adjudged first, second , third and fourth respectively in terms of meer- it

Speaking on this occasion Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma highlighted the objective and aim of celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and importance of such programmes in inculcating the spirits of National Unity among younger generation. He also spoke on various aspects of Aatam Nirbhar Bharat, Covid Appropriate Behaviour; and important contributions made by unsung heros of freedom and freedom fighters in attaining the Independence from British Rule.

Dr. Chander Prakash,. Medical officer; SDHI, Nowshera who acted as resource person delivered a key note address on COVID Vaccination and CAB with special emphasis on Omicron variant. He also urged the participants to spread the awareness of COVID Appropriate Behavior to contain its further spread.

Later an Announcement Van on Covid vaccination & CAB was flagged off by Shri Raju Samyal, Tehsildar, Nowshera in presence of Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma,

Principal, Dr. Chander Prakash, Prof. Joginder Singh, Prof. Rajat Bhardhwaj, Dr. Akhil Khajuria and various students of the College. The announcement van which was flagged off from Government Degree College, Nowshera passed through main bazaar and adjoining vicinity of Nowshera Town.

## GDC Ramgarh organises Webinar on Swami Vivekananda

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RAMGARH: Government Degree College Ramgarh, organized the first Swami Vivekananda Webinar on Thursday to mark the occasion of National Youth Day. The day was celebrated under the banner of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". The event was organised under the guidance of Prof. (Dr) Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college.

On the onset of the event, Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Pinky Rakwal, Department of Economics. She said that Swami Vivekananda was a strong supporter of Hindu ideology and believed in education and empowering people. The formal welcome inaugural address was delivered by Prof. (Dr) Meeru Abrol, Principal of the College. She exhorted that it is important to make students aware of the National Youth Day (Yuva Divas). She exhorted that Swami Vivekananda was one of the most prominent philoso-

pher, monks, and thinker of the country. This day was declared as National Youth Day in 1984by the Government of India to pay tribute and honour the teachings of Vivekananda.

Dr Narinder Singh in his presentation shed light on Swami Vivekanand as a role model for Youth. He dealt in detail about biography of Swami Vivekanand. He highlighted core values of Swami Vivekanand's Philosophy (Ethics, Religion, Education, Rationality, Nationalism, youth, etc. ). He also talked about Swami Vivekanandas speech about Vedanta philosophy: An address before the Graduate Philosophical Society published in 1897.

Dr Ekta Rani, Department of Hindi in her presentation discussed the significance of National Youth Day and impact of internet on youth. She highlighted that insomnia and insecurity are the result of excessive use of internet. While spending hours on internet,

youngsters are left with little time for other tasks, especially healthy physical activities. Playing online games on Android Mobile and PCs has become more in demand than going out to play and participating in sports.

Participants from different colleges across the Jammu and Kashmir attended the event virtually through the web platform and many more joined the live session of this vary webinar on Google Meet.

Concluding remarks and vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Bhupinder Kour, Department of Environment Science. The aim and objective of this very Webinar was to deliberate on the core agenda Know Importance of National Youth Day.

All the teaching and non teaching members of the college graced the occasion with their presence. Last but not least, all the participants gave patient listening to make this event successful.

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