

Mayor reviews ongoing development works at Bandhu Rakh

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JAMMU: In order to provide more and better development and civic amenities to the people of Jammu, Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta along with Baldev Singh Billowaria Councillor of Ward No. 56, Pritam Singh Councillor of Ward No. 55 on Friday conducted an extensive tour in Bandhu Rakh area and took stock of the ongoing development works at Municipal near Kunjwani.

The Mayor said that in order to protect the Municipal land at this site, the work of

DDC Rajouri inspects progress on NH 144A at Sunderbani

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Friday visited Sunderbani, where he inspected the progress of work on National Highway 144A.

The DDC was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Defence, Saleem Quershi and Officers of Engineering wing of GREF

Conducting spot inspections at various construction sites, he asked the executing agency to ensure maintenance of the road while executing the up-gradation work of the Highway. He exhorted the Engineers to avoid any inconvenience to the commuters travelling on the road. Issues regarding compensation of the land acquired for the widening of the road were also discussed.

The DDC also asked the concerned officers to put in extra efforts to ensure that the work on the road is completed within the set timeline.

He also asked to maintain quality while executing the work on the project and made it clear that no laxity shall be tolerated in this regard.

Sikh outfits celebrate birth anniversary of Shaheed Baba Deep Singh

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JAMMU: A meeting of various Sikh organisations of Jammu & Kashmir was held under the leadership of Sudarshan Singh Wazir, Chairman, Sikh United Front (SUF) during which the participants congratulated entire Sikh community on birth anniversary of Shaheed Baba Deep Singh. The occasion was celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety at all Sikh religious places in general and at Gurdwara Shaheed Banga in particular.

Shaheed Baba Deep Singh born on January 26, 1682 at village Jahuwind in Taran Taran, Amritsar to Bhai Bhagta and Mai Jeoni. After spending childhood with parents, Baba visited Anandpur Sahib to meet Guru Gobind Singh and was baptized (Amritpan) at an age of 18 years. He got religious education and all martial arts at Anandpur. In 1702, Guru Gobind Singh ordered Baba Deep Singh to attend his native home at Pahuwind Taran Taran. Baba Deep Singh was the first head of Misil Shaheedan and first head of Damdami Taksal. He along with his soldiers helped Baba Banda Singh Bahadur in battle of Chaparehri and helped in Sirhind Fatey. Baba Deep Singh was a saint and soldier and always ready to risk the sacrifice his life for panth. At an age of 75 years, when Baba Deep Singh came to know that Afghan Ahmed Shah Durani and his soldiers are disrespecting Darbar Sahib Amritsar, he along with his soldiers freed Darbar Sahib and during fight sacrificed his life on November 13, 1757 at Amritsar.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Mohinder Singh, Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Charanjeet Singh, Prof Youdhvir Singh, Gajan Singh, Charan Singh Bali, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Kuldeep Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Harpreet Singh Lucky, Mannohan Singh, Rasbir Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Kultar Singh and Tejpal Singh.

Tailoring, Stitching course begins at Jawalapur under Operation Sadbhavana

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KISHTWAR: The Indian Army has always been "True to its commitment" in providing a helping hand to empower the women in the far-flung areas of the state.

In continuation to the same spirit, the Army inaugurated a 90 day tailoring and stitching course on the occasion of 'National Girl Child Day' to provide vocational training for the women of Jawalapur (Bonjwah) under Operation Sadbhavana.

This novel training programme is a pilot project wherein 09 unemployed women beneficiaries have been selected to show the collective strength of women by forming a Self Help Group (SHG).

The beneficiaries include women who are victims of



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta during visit to Bandhu Rakh area to take stock of ongoing development works.

construction of retaining wall was started by the Engineering section and about 70% of the work has been completed.

Besides this, Mayor was also apprised by the concerned works Division that more than 40% of construction work of cattle pound alongwith Horse shed & other chambers of animals has been completed as well as construction of store and Municipal Veterinary Doctor's room/ Chowkidar's room is going on

smoothly.

Mayor told that every year especially during rainy season dirty water of the Nallah flowing nearby enters in this vacant land causes great damaged in the area due to non-availability of proper drainage system and in order to resolve this issue, firstly drains were constructed by JMC.

He also told that in order to keep the stray animals lifted by the veterinary section of JMC on routine basis, there is

urgent need of a cattle pound as the present one situated at Dogra Hall Jammu has not sufficient space available.

Mayor along with his team also conducted visit of UNDP unit situated at this site, interacts with staff deployed their and took stock of the various activities going on for segregation of wastes, plastics etc collected here through Municipal autos/ vehicles from various wards of the city.

Harvinder Singh Chief Transport officer Zone-III, Rajinder Kumar Sanitation Officer, Parshotam Gupta Transport Officer, Janak Singh Saini Assistant Executive Engineer, Manjotpal Singh Junior Engineer & other supervisory staff of Health, Veterinary & Engineering section of works Division-IV were also remained present there during the occasion.

'Efforts of Yashoda from Bihar hallmark for new age women'

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JAMMU: Delegates of the Student Education Movement of Ladakh praised the New book launched on Bihar women which focused on women empowerment almost 50 years ago which is still relevant and lesson giving.

The central theme of the book is in the lessons of small stories of her unconventional initiatives, deeds and practices, which are hallmarks for the new-age women too.

'Yashoda: Ek Swamprabha Stree Ki Waastwek Kahani' written by a senior journalist Manoj Kumar Rao asking her lot to feel empowered with their voice. In their traditional red dresses and hat, the female delegates of Ladakh flourished the journey of Yashoda which indicated the nuances of women's empowerment and self-worth, the ability to determine their own choices and the right to



Delegates of Student Education Movement of Ladakh displaying posters regarding release of new book on Yashoda.

influence social change for themselves. According to female delegates, we all praise the courage of Yashoda.

"Yashoda believes that healthy, educated, and empowered women and girls are the real agents of change. Her efforts and inspirations help women and girls rise in social standing and feed this into future generations," the book captures. They knew about the book through social media and got via online shopping.

Almost 50 years ago, a small town woman from West Champaran district in Bihar

gave a clarion call to women to feel empowered with their own voices and rise above stumbling blocks to make their places in society.

Yashoda Devi who belonged to Bettiah in Bihar showed the way by standing up for equality and against social and sex discrimination in the 1970s and drove this march with her indomitable spirit and courage of conviction.

The book narrates the trial and tribulations of 'Yashoda' and portrays her as a self-independent woman whose life journey indicated the nuances of

Rajni Bala, Uday start tiling work of lane in Ward 60

'People suffering due to Govt's wrong policies'

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JAMMU: Rajni Bala Corporator Jammu Municipal Corporation along with Uday Bhanu Chib, President Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress kick started tile flooring work of lane leading to Shri Guru Ravi Dass Temple Mohalla Ram Dassia, Dhok Paloura in Ward No: 60 here today.

This development work which is estimated to be completed at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh commenced in the presence of Om Prakash, President Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Paloura, Raj Pal Hans, Ramesh Chander besides a large number of residents of the area.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Rajni Bala said that people are suffering on account of wrong policies of the government at the Centre due to besides resorting to blatant discrimination in executing development works. She



Corporator, Rajni Bala starting development work.

said that it is because of the discrimination against the people of this ward I am determined to ensure its full development on my own. I shall see that all the works including that of lanes, drains and roads in the area get completed in a phased manner as these have immensely added to the woes of the people who are facing difficulties due to the ongoing pandemic, she said. She asserted that special care will be taken in the execution of different works including the

present one so that the quality can be maintained and people don't have to suffer in the future.

Senior Youth Congress leader Uday Bhanu Chib, in his address, said that it is because of the anti-people policies of the BJP Government that people are suffering amid the ongoing pandemic with new woes getting added to their miseries every passing day. He said that Congress being a more than 70 years old party and

committed to address people's issues on priority especially those pertaining to basic amenities is the only solution to get rid of the miseries surmounting them. He said that people must teach the BJP a lesson in the next elections by decimating it to a big zero.

Both Uday Bhanu and Rajni Bala also interacted with people of the area and listened to their issues which included irregular water supply and poor condition of drains in their area. Both gave a patient hearing to their grievances and assured to get all these addressed by approaching the concerned authorities.

Uday Bhanu complimented Rajni Bala for doing a commendable job in Ward No: 60 for easing the life of the people.

Meanwhile, President Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Paloura, Om Prakash expressed gratitude to the Corporator for starting development work in the area.

NAHEP-IDP SKUAST Jammu organises lecture on agri-preneurship

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JAMMU: NAHEP-IDP SKUAST-Jammu and the Counselling and Placement Cell, under the guidance of Prof. J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, on Friday organised online guest lecture for the students on "Introduction to Agri-preneurship and Startup Ecosystem".

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sagar Deshmukh, Faculty (Agri-Business Management), MANAGE, Hyderabad.

In his lecture, Dr. Deshmukh gave a comprehensive account of the agri-preneurship process and government initiatives. He also talked about the start-up ecosystem and requirements for an entity to be

classified under startup. He further discussed benefits associated with startups such as self-certification, fast track filing of patents and rebate in patent fee, easier public procurement norms, income tax exemption etc. Dr. Deshmukh also referred to different components of the startup ecosystem, resource availability, startup process and different center government schemes such as Agri Clinic & Agri Business Centre Scheme, RKVY Raftar etc. After the lecture there was a healthy interaction in which Dr. Deshmukh answered the queries of students about startups.

Earlier, Prof. Vikas Sharma, Associate Coordinator, NAHEP-

IDP&HoD, Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry gave an overview of the NAHEP-IDP project and welcomed the esteemed speaker and participants.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. B. C. Sharma, Coordinator, N A H E P - I D P & H o D , Agronomy, highlighted that Agripreneurship has potential to generate growth, diversifying income, providing widespread employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. The lecture was attended by more than 80 participants including students and faculty members and convened by Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Incharge, Counselling & Placement Cell and Associated Scientist NAHEP-IDP.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Friday informed that the power supply to Battal, Manwal, Majalta, Dema, Mansar, Ramnagar, Basantgarh, Dalser Majorhi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 30 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Billawar, Parnala and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29, 31 and February 02, 04, 06 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ramgarh, Rangoor and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 30 and February 01 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gujjar Nagar, DC Office, Dounthly, Jain Bazar, Peer Mitha, Jullaka Mohalla and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 30 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power sup-

ply to Jagti, Nagrota, PHE, Katal, Batal, Sainik School, Migrant Colony, Bamyal Jagti and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 and February 01 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, DhalwalMiulu Hamipurkona, BSF and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 01 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Dhangar, Kaleeth, Serh, Dandi, Choi, Chakmalal, Aizal Malal, Matoo Khour, Gigrial, Nikia, Pangali and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to MES Domana shall remain affected on January 31 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Chennani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 and 30 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial area of SIDCO Bari Brahmna shall remain affected on January

30 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Div Com Office, Auqaf Market, Green Belt, Apsra RoadRBI, Bahu Plaza, Vaishni Dham, Nanak Nagar, Gandhi Nagar Hospital, PHE Trikuta Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Trikuta Nagar, Railway Complex, Nanak Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to PHE Samleh, Rakh, Karandi, Kalibari, Ram Nagar shall remain affected on January 29 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Barwal, Uttari, Kumari Kathera, Logate Industry and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 29 and 30 from 10 am to 4 pm.

GDC Kunjwani organises awareness programme on Cyber Security

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JAMMU: To spread awareness about cyber security, Government Degree College Kunjwani on Friday organized a webinar on the topic "Why is Cyber Security Important?" under the patronship of the Principal of the college, Prof Hans Raj. Dr. Preeti Dubey, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Application, GCW Parade, Jammu was the resource person.

In her illuminating talk, Dr. Preeti Dubey briefed the participants about the importance of cyber security especially in the present scenario of its excessive use and accessibility. She discussed various types of cyber crimes and gave some tips to be cyber

safe. She discussed in detail different cyber laws and various portals for reporting cyber criminal activities.

The Principal of the college, Prof. Hans Raj, in his motivating talk, hailed the resource person and threw some light on cyber security and its criticality. He complimented the committee members for organizing this awareness program and called upon students to avail the maximum benefit from the talk of the resource person.

The staff members and students of the college attended the awareness program.

The program was open for participants to ask their questions and the resource person deliberated upon the same.

Army, NGO conduct Bakery course for women



Participating girls and women posing for a photograph with army officials and others.

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NOWSHERA: In consonance with the aim of working towards Employment Generation, Kalal Rashtriya Rifles in association with Aseem Foundation, a Pune based NGO is conducting a bakery cadre for women at Mangal Devi A and Gagrote villages. A total of 20 women are being imparted training as well part of the workshop

The aim of conduct such a workshop was to provide the local women with opportunities for Self Employment. The conduct of such cadre will provide unemployed women with an opportunity to become financially independent through their own Entrepreneurship Venture. The workshop will acquaint the women with basis of baking including preparation of cakes, cook-

ies and bread. Bakery equipments were installed at Gagrote for the workshop as well to run the bakery.

The local populace were highly appreciative of the initiative and urged the Indian Army to organise many more cadre of similar nature which will facilitate in the upliftment of the society through skill development and Employment Generation.