

JKTJAC demands resolution of teachers' issues

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UDHAMPUR: A Monthly Meeting was organized by Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) on Sunday at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and Chief Press and Media Secretary Suresh Khajuria.

The meeting was attended by executive members of JKTJAC from all eleven zones of the district.

While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma appealed the Principal Secretary School Education to resolve long pending genuine issues of teachers including comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under



JKTJAC members during the meeting at Udhampur.

RET Scheme who have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years ; inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits as same has not been done since 2014 ; revision of grade of teachers equal to their coun-

Headteachers (SSA) Posts to non plan posts of masters for resolution of their salary issue ; DPC of teachers as per Government order. He also urged LG administration to implement old pension scheme in favour

terparts in other UTs and allocation of substantive posts for teachers Grade II/III as per Government order. He also urged LG administration to implement old pension scheme in favour

of NPS employees of UT of J&K so that their post retirement life not be in trouble.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Suresh Sharma, Sham Singh, Shamsher Singh, Madam Bhardwaj, Anil Kumar, Ranjit Singh, Pankaj Singh, Parshant Sharma, Mohd Mustafa, Man Chand Khajuria, Sandeep Sharma, Bharat Singh, Romesh Kumar, Sonika Sharma, Shoba Sharma, Soma Raj, Pamma Chand, Sandeep Singh, Amit, Vijay Sadotra, Rakesh Singh, Ravinder Atri, Manoj Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Rekha Kumari and more.

Rajouri Admn scales up SEHAT, e-Shram registration campaign

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RAJOURI: Intending to saturate the district under SEHAT scheme and E Shram Portal, the District Administration Rajouri is going to start its special three days enrollment camps at different locations from January 4 to 6 January 2022 to add all the left out beneficiaries under the twin schemes.

The camps are being organized on the directions of the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

PM-JAY is the world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government. It provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

Similarly, E Shram portal is the first-ever National Database of Unorganised Sector Workers (NDUW) created by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to register the unorganized workers.

The VLEs, Arogya Mitras and staff of the Education Department have been deployed for the task and directed to ensure cent percent coverage of all the eligible persons under the scheme during these camps.

General public has been requested to attend the camps for registrations with due adherence to covid protocols.

The field functionaries deployed for the task will also highlight the benefits of SEHAT scheme and E Shram to motivate them for registration.

The registration process will be monitored by the incharge Panchayat officers to ensure coverage of all the left out beneficiaries of their areas within three days.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal is making concrete efforts to cover the left out persons under these welfare initiatives of the Government. He has also directed the concerned authorities to work in a mission mode to saturate the district under these schemes to enable the public to avail the benefits.

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Shri Guru Granth Sahib was placed on a decorated vehicle where the Holy Guru Granth Sahib was placed. It was fitted with loud speakers and several religious personalities of the Sikh community.

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Chief Guest of this programme was sarpanch Haveli Balkrishan Sharma said enunciated about the importance and need of such centre in the region and he also thanked the NYKS and ensured the smooth running of the centre.

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Speaking on the occasion, President of Singh youth club Sunderbani Zorawar Singh said after completion of the training, each woman will get a certificate to start her own Salai institution for skill development of local cutting, designing and dress making under the guidance of instructor Priyanka Sharma.

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Agriculture Department hosts webcasting of PM's address, sensitises farmers about CSSs



Agriculture official educating farmers.

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers' Welfare hosted webcasting of the transfer of benefits of 10th installment under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana by Prime Minister here at Conference Hall of Sub divisional Agriculture Office, Kallar Udhampur.

The event was chaired by Agriculture Extension Officer Shiv Parshotam Jyoti.

On the Occasion, the farmers were told to get the eKYC of their PM- Kisan accounts done as early as possible to avail the benefits under this scheme in future. Besides this, the farmers present were made aware of

various CSS schemes implemented for development and uplifting of the farming community and to achieve the Prime Minister's vision to double the income of Farmers by the year 2022.

The farmers are already being benefitted by various centrally sponsored schemes like SMAM in which the farmers can obtain govt. assistance to upgrade their Mechanized Agricultural Inputs, KCC, Kisan Mandhan Yojana in which farmers from the age of 18 to 40 years can make small investments to take advantage of pension benefits after attaining 60 years of service.

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Sunday visited Dhanidhar and inspected the functioning of the filtration plant there.

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MENDHAR: Army conducted medical camp at Baidhara, Mendhar in district Poonch (J&K). The aim of the Medical Camp was to alleviate medical problems of the village populace and to build mutual trust and confidence between people and the Army. The medical camp provided free basic health facilities to the villagers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Villagers from far-flung areas find it difficult to approach hospitals for medical attention, therefore the camp provided them with an opportunity to access basic medicines and healthcare. A team of Indian Army, Civil Doctors and Paramedics Staff provided medical assistance to the villagers. A comprehensive lecture on good health awareness and hygiene to include preventive measures against ailments like COVID-19, Jaundice and seasonal diseases was also conducted on the occasion by the Medical Staff.

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Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua inaugurating a road.

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BASOHLI: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua on Sunday said that the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi is committed to provide road link to all the villages and far flung areas.

He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating construction of 1 Km road stretch between Mann Badial and Sankhi Upper tribal areas at the cost of Rs 15 lakh.

Hundreds of Tribals and members of minority community have gathered at Gujjar Mohalla Sankhi to attend the inaugural ceremony. As Col Mahan cut the cer-

emonial ribbon the place started resonating with the slogans in praise of PM Narendra Modi and the country.

The DDC Chairman said that two separate roads connecting Pretha/Plassi with Sankhi, and Plakh with Pathiyara/Basohli have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 5 Crore each with 3 Km stretch under Phase I. He added that these two roads will connect isolated areas of Pretha, Plakh and Plahi since construction of Ranjit Sagar Dam has alienated these areas.

Col Mahan Singh said that not only in Kathua but the government is afoot to connect all the rural hamlets and far flung areas with the district headquarters by Pacca roads across the Union Territory. He said that the road network which the Modi government has provided to people is unprecedented and the same is the case of national highways as the current pace of construction of national highways in the country is near 50 Km per day which is a record.

Talking specifically about Basohli, he said that the upcoming road from Kathua-Mahanpur-Bani and Doda part of Baharatmala project will entirely transform the Sub-District region by ensuring all round development.

DDC Chairman Doda flags off group of PRIs for training cum exposure visit



DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh flagging off PRIs.

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DODA: District Development Council Chairman Dhananter Singh on Sunday flagged off a group of 40 Sarpanches and Panchs for a 4-day training cum exposure tour to outside J&K, here from Dak Banglow.

DDC Chairman was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Development, Mohammad Idrees Lone.

The PRIs will visit

Ferozpur and Amritsar during the four day visit organised under a special move of the J&K government aiming at to hold training Cum Exposure Visits of elected Representatives through Inter-state and Intra-state exposure visits.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman appealed to the visiting PRIs to learn the positive things applied by the PRIs outside J&K for overall development of the rural infrastructure and economy back at home.

The chairman asked the PRIs to go with an optimistic mind that will help them understand the practices being followed by different Panchayats in other states and emulate the same to develop and strengthen the Panchayat Institutions back at home.

The ACD said that the exposure trips will help the PRIs members of Jammu & Kashmir provinces to learn from other states and also help in empowering them. This will be a milestone for the growth story of Jammu and Kashmir because no state/UT can grow without Gramin Vikas. He stressed that Exposure Visits are very important for the Capacity Building of Panchayati Raj Institutions in our UT especially our district.

Quami Ekta meet organised

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RAJOURI: With the aim to revitalise bonds with people and to encourage conviviality with village people, Indian Army organised "Quami Ekta Meet" at Kalakot in District Rajouri (J&K). The interaction reinforced mutual trust existing between Security Forces and the local population. The meeting also provided a platform wherein problems being faced by the locals with respect to basic amenities, welfare schemes, education, health and employment of youth were deliberated upon.

Communal harmony ideology of secularism is one of the doctrines present in

our constitution. It is the principle of peace and harmony existing amongst various religious communities free from violence and hatred. It was conveyed through this meeting that national integration is feeling of oneness or 'we feeling' and the feeling of solidarity which transcends all cultural, Members were also informed about COVID-19 protocols and basic preventive measures like maintaining social distancing, washing hands with soap, wearing mask and avoid social gathering.

Such functions further invigorate the existing strong ties between the Indian Army and the local populace.

OCB status: Provide equal rights to J&K Jats at par with other states, says Ch Manmohan

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KATHUA: All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) President and former Mayor, Chaudhary Mammoan Singh while urging the Central as well as J&K Govt to immediately grant OCB status to the community members thus doing justice with them after having faced discrimination for decades, appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and ensure that the aforesaid status is granted at the earliest. He reiterated this demand in his address during a meeting of the All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) at Kathua which was presided over by him. A large number of members of Jat community participated in the meeting and highlighted the problems being faced by them.

Addressing the meeting, Ch

Mammoan Singh expressed resentment against the J&K and Central Governments for depriving the Jat community members of their due share. He stated that in 11 states, Jats are enjoying the benefits of OCB status while the Jats of Jammu and Kashmir continue to be deprived of the same. Ch Mammoan Singh said he always accepted the call of the AIJMS President Ch Mammoan Singh to vote and support only such political party and leader in the forthcoming elections which extends support to Jat community in getting their due rights i.e. granting of OCB status to Jats.

Prominent among those who were present during the meeting include Ch Prem Pal Pala President Vijaypur AIJMS, senior leader Ch Rasheed Singh, Sat Paul Choudhary President AIJMS Kathua, Vijay Choudhary Vice President AIJMS Kathua, Subash Choudhary, Rakesh Choudhary, Jagdish Choudhary, Partap Choudhary, Dewan Choudhary, Darshan Lal, Bahadur Singh, Romesh Lal, Sujan Singh, Shikandar Singh, Rattan Lal, Lekh Raj and Parkash Chand.