

Shiv Sena constitutes 'Women & Child Protection Cell'

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit has announced the formation of its "Women and Child Protection Cell". During a programme organized at the party state office, president UT J&K, Manish Sahni said that this cell has been constituted under the guidance of Party National Secretary and MP, Anil Desai. Sahni accused the government for not being serious on the significant issue concerning the safety of women. Sahni said that with the abrogation of Article 370 the State Women Commission got abolished. Despite the lapse of a long gap of 30 months, the Women's Commission could not be constituted, due to which women of J&K are being forced to accept the



Shiv Sena J&K President Manish Sahni addressing a press conference.

crimes committed against them as their destiny, he saod. Sahni said that being a Union Territory, there should be 33% reservation for women in the police force, but unfortunately Lt. Government of J&K has given just 15%. On the other hand Jammu and Kashmir does not have district level women police station and even most of the police stations does not have women desks.

Sahni said that this attitude proves that government is non-serious to provide justice and security to almost half the population of J&K. While announcing the office bearers of this cell, Sahni announced Preeti Joshi as President Jammu division, Geeta Lakhotra as General Secretary, Vaishnavi Hindustani and Nagina Khan as Secretary, Meenakshi Sharma and

Bina Devi as joint Secretaries. While Nasima Begum appointed as the President, Kashmir Division and Shakeela Begum as Vice President, Seema Mahajan appointed as president Jammu District, Pooja Devi President Ramban, Pooja Rani President Doda District, Ruby Begum and Shopia have been appointed as Udampur District Unit.

JKTJAC urges Govt to resolve issues

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JAMMU: A virtual meeting was organised on Sunday by Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma. The meeting was attended by executive members and District Presidents of Jammu province. Vinod Sharma raised issues of the teachers and sought the attention of the concerned authorities for their redressal. The issues which were raised by Vinod Sharma included Comprehensive Transfer Policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme, transition of Teachers Grade II/III on substantive posts as per seniority, favour of department in the Court for inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits, DPC of teachers to masters, conversion of Head teachers (SSA) posts into non plan posts of masters and raising of Grade pay of teachers at par with their counterparts in other UTs.

He also appealed the LG administration to provide Old Pension Scheme in favour of NPS employees of the UT so that their post retirement life not be in trouble. Those who spoke on the occasion include Aftab Malik (Vice Chairman), Surjit Singh (Vice President), Najam Jafri (General Secretary), Sham Sharma (Chief Advisor), Arvind Sharma (Chief Coordinator), Sukesh Khajuria (Chief Press and Media Secretary), Rajesh Singh Jamwal (Provincial President Jammu), Mahesh Kumar (Spokesperson), Raj Kumar Dubey (Secretary Council), Anita Kiran (Convenor), Rishi Singh Rana (Special Secretary), Naseer Ahmed Bhat (Publicity Secretary), Subash Chander (Organisor), Javid Bali (Publicity Secretary), Joginder Thakur (Coordinator), Lekh Raj Parihar (District President Udampur), Sajad Malik, Manzoor Khan, Rakesh Singh, Syeed Shah Nawaz, Dinesh Singh and Hari Lal Nag.

LG awards JKP pipe band, women contingent at Beating Retreat ceremony

DGP congratulates contingents, says their performance shows dedication, discipline of JKP

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day Parade held at Maulana Azad Memorial Stadium Jammu, J&K Police Pipe Band, Women contingent of IRP 15th BN brought laurels to the organization by securing top positions

during the Parade. Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha presented awards to the winners at the Beating Retreat ceremony yesterday evening. The Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh in his message has congratulated the teams

for their splendid performance at the Republic Day Parade. While appreciating them he said that the performance of these contingents shows the dedication and discipline of the force in every field. During the 73rd Republic Day Parade Jammu and

Kashmir Police Pipe Band led by Head Constable Garish Kumar stood first amongst the bands from the participating forces while IRP 15th Bn J&K Police Women contingent led by DySP Dr. Sunniya Wani stood second in the general parade category.

Dogri Bhasha Academy organises Kahani Goshthi

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JAMMU: Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu organised an online Dogri Kahani Goshthi. The program was presided over by Prof. Archana Kesar and Yashpaul Nirmal, Founder Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu. Earlier Roshan Bral Roshan, President Dogri Bhasha Academy welcomed the dignitaries and short story writers. He said that the aim and objective of Dogri Bhasha Academy is to build up a bridge between the estab-

lished writers and budding writers of Dogri language. Prof. Archana Kesar blessed and congratulated all participants and appreciated all the stories read by the writers. Yashpaul Nirmal said that Dogri Bhasha Academy was established in 2009 with the aim and objective to work for the Dogri language, literature and culture. He congratulated to Raj Rahi on being awarded with the Sahitya Akademi award this year. Speaking

on the short story of Dr. Ashu Sharma, Nirmal said that she is very energetic young writer of Dogri language. She has seven books in her credit in different genres. In her story problems of modern Dogra society discussed in very beautiful manner. Speaking on the short story of Saroj Bala, Nirmal said that she had 5 books in her credit till date. She is very hard working young dogri writer and poet. Her sto-

ries represents Dogra society, their problems and needs in a very impressive manner. The Short story writers participated in this online Dogri Kahani Goshthi were Raj Rahi, Dr. Ashu Sharma and Saroj Bala. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Rajinder Kumar Ranjha, General Secretary, Dogri Bhasha Academy and vote of thanks was presented by Ajay Sharma, Vice President Dogri Bhasha Academy.

Peripheral Arterial bypass surgery starts at Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Hospital

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JAMMU: Peripheral arterial bypass surgery has been commenced at Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission (SVMM) Hospital Amphalla with successful bypass surgery of a 47-year-old patient Pritam Chand, whose artery is blocked. This surgery is a high end technical procedure which is performed in ever

increasing number of occlusive arterial disease known as PAD and it is at present performed in a limited number of centres. However at SVMM, the patient underwent this procedure at a very reasonable expense which is much less as compared to the other centres. These surgeries are performed by experienced vascular surgeon anesthetist and trained paramedical staff and full logistic sup-



Doctors with patient after surgery.

Give financial package to hotel industry, exempt it from all Govt charges: AJHLA

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JAMMU: In the meeting of office bearers of All Jammu Hotels and Lodges Association (AJHLA) held on Sunday, the chairman, Inderjeet Khajuria expressed resentment for showing step motherly treatment by the government towards tourism sector particularly hotel industry. Despite suffering huge losses due to COVID pandemic coupled with lockdowns, the hotel industry has not received any support from the government, he said. Pawan Gupta, President of the Association, also expressed serious concern over the deteriorating conditions of Jammu hoteliers who are completely finished by the attack of two waves of COVID-19, are unable to bear the burden of third wave plus the load of lockdowns. Gupta appealed to government to save this starving industry by giving a financial package and exempt it from all government charges, viz., electricity, water, municipal charges till Jammu and Kashmir becomes COVID free. Other office bearers present in the meeting were M.L. Sharma, Pritam Sharma, Anil Khajuria, H.S. Manhas, Baldev Raj, Sunil Suri, Swarn Singh, Sankul Gupta, Manpreet Singh, Varun Gupta and Nishant Gupta.

People of border area are real warriors: Dr Manyal



BJP J&K General Secretary Dr D K Manyal addressing a gathering.

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RAMGARH: Former Minister and General Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu Kashmir, Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, while addressing a gathering of Panchayat members and locals of border village Chimna Chak in Ramgarh block of Samba, said that the people of border area are The real Warriors who are defending the borders of the country without salary without uniform. Dr Manyal said that Modi government has taken care of a large number of issues and problems of the residents of Border area at the international border and the LOC as well. While addressing the gathering after listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Mann ki Baat", a regular monthly feature on

last Sunday of every month, he said that the issue of compensation to the displaced people residing on the border and construction of bunkers at the borders were the long pending demands of this area. The Modi government has fulfilled its promise of giving compensation to the people of the border and most of the bunkers in these areas are already constructed and the left-over work will be taken up very soon, he said. Dr Manyal said that during this government Most of the roads in the area are already constructed in these 5-7 years time and the left over will be completed in the coming time. The religious places in this area Baba Chamlyal and Baba Sidhgoria are now well connected with new roads.

Similarly, the locals have also complained regarding the delay in the clearance of DP files, though they admit that the administration has cleared most of them but already a long time has passed and some of the genuine cases are still lying pending. Have requested the administration to clear these pending files. Dr Manyal assured the locals that he will take up all their genuine issues with the local administration and try to get them resolved. BDC chairman Sh Darshan Singh and DDC S. Sarabjeet Singh Johal also addressed the gathering and assured them that all their issues will be taken up with the administration and will be addressed at the earliest. People gathered appreciated Hon'ble PM s "Mann ki Baat" and said that PM was telling us Desh ki baat and thanked the team of DDC, BDC and S. Binder Singh who have made arrangements for today's "Mann ki baat" program. Lastly, Sarpanch Roop Singh thanked the PRI members and locals who joined the programme.

Entrepreneurship Orientation Training programme concludes at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management Jammu concluded the Entrepreneurship Orientation Training Programme of the first batch of forty students from various colleges under the Department of Higher Education, Government of J&K. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, inaugurated the program on January 24th, 2022 with the valedictory function concluding the programme on January 29th. The programme was divided into five sub-themes focusing on Business Idea creation, Strategic Planning and Design, Finance for Entrepreneurs, Marketing for Entrepreneurs, and

Teams' management and Communication. Students from 14 different colleges from the Jammu division were part of the first batch. IIM Jammu will conduct five such Entrepreneurship Orientation training programs for 200 students covering all the colleges under the J&K Department of Higher Education. The training programs will develop interest and understanding of entrepreneurship among the students in J&K. With an enhanced focus of the J&K Government on entrepreneurship, these training programs are a step towards developing entrepreneurship culture in the colleges of J&K. The first Entrepreneurship

Orientation training programme allowed students to work on a business plan and pitch for it through various training sessions, and helped them understand various aspects of building a strong, workable business plan. The students worked in teams and participated in discussions. Apart from learning from IIM Jammu faculty, students also got to interact with former senior bureaucrat and former Advisor to the Governor of J&K, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai. He talked about how students can contribute to promoting entrepreneurship in J&K. In the inauguration and

valedictory session of the program, Prof. B.S. Sahay motivated students to be job creators and not job seekers. He emphasized the role of youth in developing the Indian economy through entrepreneurship and how the modern Indian economy can be stronger through entrepreneurship. Programme Directors Dr. Muqbil Burhan and Dr. Nageswara Reddy thanked the Department of Higher Education, particularly Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary Higher Education, and Yasmeen Ashai Director Colleges, Dept. of Higher Education for being instrumental in initiating such programs for J&K.

NSS volunteers of GGM Science College distribute food packets in GMC



NSS Volunteers led by PO Dr Deepali Mahajan during a drive at GMC Jammu.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Govt. Gandhi Memorial Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav organized a food distribution drive in Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital to patients and their relatives in the weekend lockdown. NSS volunteers Anchal Singh, Shubam, Parshotam, Sourav, Sajal, Reetika, Aaghav, Palvinder, Rimjhim, Sia, Sartik, Isha, Arshdeep cooked fresh homemade food and packed

them. The volunteers picked the food packets, fruits and juices from volunteers homes. They along with their NSS PO distributed 100 food packets to the needy in GMC hospital. Earlier NSS volunteers also helped the COVID patients by making medicines available to them in their houses. The zeal and enthusiasm to help willingly by NSS volunteers and PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan was appreciated by the Principal of the college. A two minute virtual silence prayer was also held remembering Mahatma Gandhi.

RPI seeks bringing daily-wagers under Minimum Wages Act

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JAMMU: Republican Party of India (RPI) J&K president and United Front president Tanvir Hussain on Sunday urged Central Government to keep provision of minimum wages for more than 60,000 daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir. Hussain said that successive governments be it Congress and BJP had assured several times that Minimum Wages Act will be implemented and daily rate

workers will get wages at par with other workers in the country. Hussain said that a delegation of RPI JK unit will meet Ramdas Athawale, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment of India and will also apprise him about the issues of daily wagers. Party's vice President Rajkumar Goel said that if no decision is taken in favour of daily wagers in the budget of Jammu and Kashmir to be presented

soon, then he will call for a big agitation along with the local people. He said that the Republican Party of India has always been fighting for the rights of the poor and downtrodden sections of the society. The party will also raise its voice strongly for the marginalized section of Jammu and Kashmir. Others who were present on the occasion included Mushtaq Ahmed, Yash Pal, Rajesh Gill and Shabir Ahmed.

DDC Chairman Rajouri visits far-flung areas of block Khawas; listens to peoples' issues

Assures early redressal of genuine public concerns

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RAJOURI: To take first-hand account of public grievances at their doorsteps, Development Council Chairman Rajouri, Ch. Naseem Liaquat on Sunday conducted a tour of far-flung areas of block Khawas including Gadyog and Chakli.



DDC Chairman Ch. Naseem Liaquat during interaction with people.

During the event, the public and their representatives put forth several issues and demands of their areas including macadamization of roads, up-gradation of schools, better health services, scarcity of staff in Govt institutions and other related issues. Specific issues projected on the occasion included up-gradation of middle school Chakli to next level, sanctioning of a health sub-centre for Chakli, extension of PMGSY road from Dalhori to Gadyog, construction of a playground at Chakli, construction of road at Gai Nambal etc. Addressing the participants, the DDC Chairman said that the District Development Council is working hard on the ground for the betterment

of the people and to make available all basic amenities of life to the people living in far-flung areas of the district. Reiterating the DDC's commitment to reach out to every soul in the district and solve their problems, he said that the Council is making untiring efforts to achieve equitable development of all the areas of the district. Highlighting various welfare schemes and programs launched by the Government, the DDC Chairman urged the public to come forward and avail the benefits of the same. Underlining the objective of his visit, he said that such visits are made with

the intent to redress public grievances and improve service delivery mechanisms to benefit the citizens at the grass-root level. Seeking information about manday generation, he urged the PRIs to motivate people to work under MGNREGA and ensure that yearly targets in this regard are achieved. While addressing the issues and demands of the locals, he assured that all the genuine concerns would be redressed in a phased manner with the intervention of the concerned quarters. Responding to the issue of the up-gradation of middle school Chakli to HS level, the DDC Chairman assured that he

will take up the matter with the concerned authorities. While responding to the issue of extension of Dalhori to Gadyog, he apprised that the road will be extended in the Phase-IV of the PMGSY. Regarding the construction of the Gai Nambal road, he said that the DPR for the construction of the said road would be formulated at the earliest. Regarding the construction of a playground at Chakli, he said that the playfield work has already been taken up and that he will ensure its early completion. He also urged the PRIs to play a crucial role in the development of their areas and ensure that all the developmental works being executed in their respective jurisdictions are completed within the set times while adhering to quality parameters. The DDC Chairman also observed that the PRIs should also impart necessary awareness to the public about the welfare schemes and programs so that the benefits of the welfare initiatives reach the last beneficiary of the district.