

Congress, Apni Party leaders on way to Rajouri stopped at Sunderbani



Congress leader Raman Bhalla and others being stopped at Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: Apni Party leaders who proceeded to Rajouri to express solidarity with the terror attack victim family members on Monday were stopped by the administration in Sunderbani.

They were not allowed to meet the family at Dangri village in Rajouri and attend the last rites of the

village, Rajouri. However, they were not allowed to proceed further by the authorities at Sunderbani.

Addressing a press conference in Sunderbani, the Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta, said that "We were going to express our sympathy to the victims' families. But we were not allowed to meet the family members. As a human it is our right to stand with the victims of terror."

Apni Party Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber said that the Govt should take serious note of such incidents and take appropriate measures to prevent such acts in future.

He appealed to the Lt Governor that some days back two civilians were killed in Rajouri and now this terror act has hap-

pened in which five people have got killed.

Meanwhile, J&K Apni Trade Union President, Ajaz Kazmi also condemned the terror attack and demanded exemplary punishment for the accused persons.

He appealed to the people to maintain communal harmony and peace and allow the security forces and authorities to work for the peace and strengthen the security in the region.

Meanwhile, administration also prevented senior Congress leaders led by Working President Raman Bhalla, Ravinder Sharma, Th Manmohan Singh and Amrit Bali who were enroute Dhangri to express solidarity with the families of victims of terror attack. The Senior Congress

Leaders Rmān Bhalla and Manmohan Singh & others were stopped at Rah Siot two kms before Sunderbani, when they proceeded ahead on foot. Later they were allowed up to Sunderbani and stopped there from proceeding ahead. They were not allowed to proceed ahead. A number of youth Congress and Congress workers and others assembled outside Dak bungalow and held a strong protest against the unjustified action of administration.

Ravinder Sharma Ex-MLC and Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and Ex-MLC and former Chairman Legislative Council Jahangir Mir were stopped at Kallar near Rajouri and were not allowed to proceed for one hour. However they

protested the action of the police and proceeded to the spot later.

Former Minister and District President Congress Shabir Ahmed Khan along with Rajesh Bittu & Pushpinder Gupta both Congress councillors, Anil Chopra, Balkrishan, Vijay Guru, Lalit Mahajan, Azar Mahmood, Amit Sayal, adnan Khan, Faisal Khan accompanied Mr Sharma to the site of incident and met the aggrieved family members and large number of people at Dhangri Chowk.

The Congress Leaders apprised the LG Manoj Sinha on the spot about the demand of locals to strengthen security network including the VDCs and setting up of army pickets in rural & remote villages. Sharing the grief



Congress leaders Ravinder Sharma speaking to media.

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JKPFD strongly criticised the action of administration for not allowing the Senior Congress Leader Rmān Bhalla and others from proceeding to the site of terror attack to share the grief of families of victims and pay tributes to the martyrs, while BJP Leaders others were allowed without any restrictions.

of the families, they said that the unfortunate incident should not have happened, had the VDCs not disbanded and security on alert.

Sharma assured the LG administration and the security agencies full cooperation to deal with militancy and ensure protection of the innocents and sought concrete measures in this

DC Ramban inaugurates maiden Cash Recycle Machine of J&K Bank



DC Ramban Mussarat Islam inaugurating machine.

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam on Monday inaugurated the first Cash Recycle Machine (CRM) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank adjoining the District Administrative Complex. Zonal Head, Dy. GM Fayaz Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Gias-

Ul-Haq, CPO, Dr. Kastur Lal, Tehsildar, Rafiq Ahmed, JK Bank, Cluster Head, Ramban, Pervez Iqbal Mir, JK Bank Branch Head, Ramban, Mujeeb-ul-Rehman, and senior officers from administration and J&K bank were present on the occasion. The machine will provide a facility of cash deposit and withdrawal facil-

ties to the people visiting the District Administrative Complex and locals. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner thanked the J&K Bank authorities and called it a New Year gift for the people of Ramban as the facility will benefit locals immensely. He also asked the Bank to explore the possibility of installing more CRMs in other parts of the district like Gool, Batote and Banihal and also to provide mobile ATMs across the district. He said that the machine will specifically benefit the traders and businessmen community as well as the local population by saving their valuable time and efforts.

GLDM GDC Hiranagar releases quality reporter newsletter

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HIRANAGAR: Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial (GLDM) Government Degree College Hiranagar released 'Quality Reporter' a newsletter for the month of December to show case different initiatives and undertakings of the college.

The newsletter was released in an event presided over by the college Principal, Pragya Khanna in presence of other staff members. Through this newsletter the college envisaged strategic planning in context of finances, budgeting, staffing and academic programming as funda-

mental to the development and progress of the institution.

This newsletter has reiterated the promotion of quality education and all round development of students.

Principal of the college in her address described that internal quality assurance cell (IQAC) of the college was formed with the vision to work for the excellence in academics as well as to synergize all the constituent units including stakeholders of the college.

The function was attended by Sujat Khan (Coordinator IQAC) and other staff members.

R-Day arrangements reviewed at Reasi



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal chairing a meeting.

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal on Monday chaired a meeting of district officers and officers of security agencies to review the preparedness for Republic Day-2023 celebrations. It was given out that the main function of the Day shall be held at Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium Reasi. The meeting was informed that contingents of JKP CRPF, NCC, students of various government schools will participate in the march past parade, while a cul-

tural programme would also be the part of celebrations. Deputy Commissioner directed the departments of Education, Jal Shakti, R&B, DYSSO, Information, Health, Sports, Traffic, Motor Vehicles, Police, Floriculture, PDD, Municipality and Paramilitary Forces to complete their respective assignments well before the National Event. The DC impressed upon the departmental heads to put in place all the necessary arrangements for making the national function a grand success. Threadbare discussions were held on seating arrangement, barricading, security, traffic regulation, drinking water, power supply, sanitation, first-Aid, PAS and fire-tenders etc. Security agencies were instructed to ensure fool-proof security arrangements at all venues across the district. ADDC, Jyoti Salathia, SSP, Amit Gupta; ADC, Abdul Star; CPO, Sunita Kanekar; PO, ICDs, ACR, ACD, DIO, DSWO, CHO, CMO, CAHO, DSHO, LMO besides other district officers attended the meeting.

DG H&FW inaugurates oxygen plant at SDH Bani, appreciates maintenance of labour room

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BANI: Director General Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization J&K and Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman on Monday conducted a visit to Sub District Hospital Bani and took stock of the public health care delivery system in the hospital. He took a round of the hospital and issued instructions for better upkeep of the hospital.

By Director Dr. Sanjay Sharma and CMO Kathua Dr Rakesh Mangotra accompanied the DG Health & Family Welfare.

The Director General of Family Welfare of the Health Department also inaugurated the oxygen plant in the hospital premises. He advised BMO Bani and medical staff to provide all necessary medical facilities to the people of the area.

BMO Bani, Dr. Dev Raj apprised the Director General of Family Welfare of the Health Department about the problems being faced by them with regard to vacant posts of doctors, gynaecologist, ultrasound doctors, specialists and paramedical staff in running the affairs of the hospital. The Director General gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by BMO and assured for early redressal at his end. The DG Health & Family appreciated the work of Labour Room in-Charge, Anjana Thakur, Jr. Staff Nurse and expressed satisfaction over the well maintenance of the delivery room of SDH Bani.

Pipping ceremony held at Police Academy Udhampur



Officers and Officials during pipping ceremony at Police Academy Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: A pipping ceremony was held at SKPA Udhampur in which Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur decorated with ranks the newly promoted Sub-

Inspectors namely Sobh Chand, Dhian Singh, Des Raj, Sham Lal, Shamus Din, Subash Chander, S.S. Bali and Jatinder Kumar of SKPA Udhampur who have been recently promoted to the present rank.

Garib Dass congratulated the newly promoted officers and advised them to work with enthusiasm and highest degree of dedication. He emphasized that the promotion not only upgrades the working

status in the Police department, but also adds more responsibilities and challenges in their new working assignments. He wished them best of luck for future service endeavours.

Among others, Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration), Pawan Kumar, SP, Dy. Director (Outdoor), Mohinder Singh Jasrotia, Dy. SP (S) Private Secretary, Sunmatti Gupta, Dy. SP, Assistant Director (Q), Vishal Manhas, Dy. SP, Assistant Director (Outdoor/Admn. Officer) & Sukhvir Singh, Dy. SP, Assistant Director (Administration) were present on the occasion.

PTTI Vijaypur organises pipping ceremony



Promotees being given ranks at PTTI Vijaypur.

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VIJAYPUR: Khalil Ahmed Poswal, Principal Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur decorated ASI Koushal Kumar (Armed Wing) and ASI Shakil Singh (Executive wing) with new ranks, who have recently been promoted as Sub Inspectors by the APHQ J&K and ZPHQ Jammu respectively.

A simple and impressive function was organized at PTTI Vijaypur on this occasion.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur congratulated the promoted officers on

their promotion and stressed upon them to work with same zeal and zest in future also.

Among others Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice Principal, Sajjad Ahmed

Khan, Dy. SP (Indoor), Satish Kumar, Dy. SP (Admn/Outdoor) and Kuldeep Raj, Dy. SP (Tech.) PTTI Vijaypur were present on the occasion.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Rajinder Singh; ADC, Rakesh Dubey; DIO Ajay Sanjeeva; DIO NIC, Sanjeev Kapoor, besides all EROs/AEROS and other officials participat-

ed.

During the meeting a detailed review was taken of claims and objections resolved Polling Station

wise, SVEEP activities conducted

at Panchayat/Block level regarding the Panchayat Summary Revision EROLL 2023, Scanning and punching of forms of Block wise, Submission of Daily Progress as per format among others.

The Deputy

Panchayat/Block level

Commissioner also

inquired the availability of recently updated electoral rolls and Panchayat electoral rolls, besides laying emphasis on the role and responsibilities of EROs, AEROS and PEBOs during the Panchayat Electoral Roll Revision.

The DC directed the

District Information

Officer (Nodal Officer

SVEEP), to conduct a

sustained and widespread

awareness campaign in

rural areas of the

District.

The schedule for holding

Special camps in all the

Blocks of district Samba

was also discussed during

the meeting. The DC impressed upon all AEROS to direct the PBOs to remain present at their polling locations along with the draft Electoral Roll & requisite forms for assistance of voters on the said camp days.

The Roll Observers, EROs and AEROS besides Nodal Officers were asked to supervise the special camps on the dates notified by the State Election Commission UT of J&K and ensure 100% registration of all eligible and left out voters during Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls so that no voter is left out.

Workshop cum Awareness Programme on Promotion of Saffron Cultivation held

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KISHTWAR: To make the local cultivators aware about the latest techniques of Saffron farming and its marketing, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Kishtwar today organised a Workshop cum Awareness Programme here at village Bera Bhatta

Manmohan Verma, Capt.

Pavitar Singh, Suvitri

Devi, Channa Ram Sethi,

Sarpanch Mani Ram,

Sarpanch Kuldeep

Kumar, Ch. Ghulam Rasool, Youth Leader

Sajad Ahmed, Youth Leader Ashik Bhagat,

Madan Bhagat and Panch

Tasleema Begum.

The Saffron - a unique

spice is cultivated in the

area for decades and the

Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare is organising such

workshops to acquaint the

local cultivators about the

cultivation of Saffron," said the CAO.

A large number of progressive saffron growers were present during the special training cum awareness program.

They especially hailed the organisers for imparting training for indoor cultivation of saffron.

BDC Chairman Kishtwar Suresh Sharma, District Development Officer Amarjeet Sen besides, District Agriculture Officer, SDAO Padder & Marwah, SMS DL, other field staff and farmers/PRI's remained present on the occasion.

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