

# 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

terror victims.

The Apni Party leaders consisted of Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta, Additional General Secretary, Arun Kumar Chibber and Apni Trade Union J&K President, Ajaz Kazni.

The leaders left Jammu to express their solidarity with the terror victims who lost their loved ones in Dangri

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 Mannohan Singh and Amrit Bali who were enroute Dhangri to express solidarity with the families of victims of terror attack . The Senior Congress

Leaders Rmân Bhalla and Mannohan Singh & ors 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 Mehmood, 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.

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

regard JKPCC strongly criticised the action of administration for not allowing the Senior Congress Leader Rmân Bhalla and ors 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.

## 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. Kasturi 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 faci-

## 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 Zoravar Singh Sports Stadium Reasi. The meeting was informed that contingents of JKP, CRPE 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 dis-

cussions 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 Chanach; PO,ICDs, ACR, ACD, DIO, DSWO ,CHO, CMO, CAHO, DSHO, LMO besides other district officers attended the meeting.

## Forest Division Udhampur conducts plantation drive at 87 Mountain Brigade Garhi

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UDHAMPUR: Forest Division Udhampur on Monday organized a plantation drive at 87, Mountain Brigade, Garhi, Northern Command to mark New Year 2023. The ceremonial plantation drive was inaugurated by Brigadier Ananjay Singh, Commander along with Rushal Garg, DFO Udhampur. The plantation drive will be carried out till 6th Jan 2023 during which 551 fruit bearing and ornamental saplings will be planted. Briefing the media persons, the DFO said the department is striving to achieve 66 % green cover in JK as mandated by National Forest Policy, 1988. "Currently JK has 54% forest cover and the plantation targets of JKFD are in line with achieving 66% forest cover" he added. Brigadier Ananjay assured JKFD of continuous collaboration to increase the green cover of the UT. Discussions were also held on the India led global mass movement life (lifestyle for environment) wherein citizens should be nudged towards leading an environment conscious lifestyle . Life puts individual and collective duty on everyone to live a life that is in tune with earth and does not harm it. Brigadier and DFO called on the audience to align their actions towards mindful and deliberate utilisation of resources instead of mindless and destructive consumption to protect and preserve the environment. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks to the Northern Command of the Indian Army.

## 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 endeavors.

Among others, Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration), Pawan Kumar, SP, Dy. Director (Outdoor), Mohinder Singh Jasrotia, Dy.SP(S) Private Secretary, Sunmati 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

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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



Promotees being given ranks at PTTI Vijaypur.

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

Among others Rajinlder 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.

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SAMBHA: District Panchayat Election Officer, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta on Monday chaired a meeting of district officers to review the progress Revision Exercise of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2023 here at Conference Hall.

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



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta chairing a meeting.

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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

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 PBLOs 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.

## DC Samba reviews progress of Panchayat Electoral Rolls Revision

## Only NC can bail out people from misery: Sunil

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UDHAMPUR: The general public are confronting development deficit but the government is busy in spreading false narrative of colossal development in far off belts of Jammu and Kashmir, which is a white lie as on ground people are facing multiple

problems with no solution in sight.

The solution is only the National Conference which can bail out people from this misery as castles of development made by J&K Government in air are distant apart from reality.

This was stated by Sunil Verma, District President National Conference Udhampur, while addressing a working committee meeting including Panchs and Sarpanchs in Udhampur today.

The senior NC leader asserted that the neglect of hilly terrains is visible on ground but the government is trumpeting development, development and development day and night. He asserted that the miseries of people

have increased manifold in absence of popular demands.

Sunil Verma asserted that only popular government can help the people to live a life with pride and dignity as the bureaucracy Diktats are torturous.

He asked people of hilly areas to strengthen Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the overall development of the Jammu and Kashmir.

"National Conference is a secular party and only it will fulfill the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Verma said, adding that wrong decisions of government have made the lives of people a virtual hell therefore people should support NC to ensure

public welfare and a meaningful life.

The senior NC leader also urged the government to conduct upcoming Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir as per old practice by using ballot papers instead of using Electronic Voting Machines (EVM).

The government must adopt the old practice of conducting PRI elections in J&K in which the general public should be allowed to elect Panchs as well as Sarpanch with an aim to bring transparency in choosing the right candidate which can work in the interest of the general public.

Sunil Verma appealed to them to gear up for the upcoming elections by strengthening the base of

the Party at grass roots level. He asked them to make people of Udhampur district aware about the achievements of JKNC and worked to ensure the success of the party in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Among others who were present include Adv K.D Sharma, Master Moti Ram Sharma, Anayatullah, Akash Verma, Ch Mohd Ghani, Sardar Harvinder Singh, Mannohan 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.

## 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 Bhata Panchayat Matta B.

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 use

of modern tools and techniques, besides its marketing on national and international platforms.

"Kishtwar district is known across the world for producing the best quality Saffron with great demand in the national and international market. To further improve the quality and increase the production of this world's most expensive species, the department has launched a special promotional campaign," said Chief Agriculture Office, Anjad Hussain Malik.

Training cum awareness program also focused on promotion of the indoor

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 Saffron 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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