

Governing Body of SMVDNSH holds 68th Meeting, reviews functioning of Hospital, plan for Medical College

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KATRA: The 68th Meeting of Governing Body of SMVD Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Kakryal (Katra) was held on 15th of this month under the Chairmanship of Dr Ashok Bhan, Member, SMVDSB. The Meeting was attended by Suresh Kumar Sharma, Member SMVDSB, Sh. Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB, Viren Shetty, Group COO, NH and other senior functionaries of Shrine Board and Narayana Health.

After reviewing progress of its earlier decisions, the Members expressed general satisfaction regarding over-the-years gradual healthy growth of the Hospital. This was manifested in all major performance benchmarks such as patient footfall, bed occupancy, revenue, clinical augmentation of operational base / capabilities etc. The Governing Body was informed that on a yearly basis, the Hospital provides IP-treatment to almost 50,000 patients across different specialties, besides

OPD Consultations to almost 60,000 patients. Almost 1/3rd of treated patients are provided free treatment under the UT sponsored Ayushman Scheme. As a matter of fact, SMVDNSH is the largest Ayushman service provider private Hospital in the entire State. As a mark of clinical reputation of the Hospital, the beds of the Hospital, particularly critical care beds, are in great demand. Consequently the ICUs of Hospital are almost full at all points of time.

The Governing Body was also apprised that since the inception of Hospital in the year 2016, free treatments worth more than Rs. 40 crore have been provided to more than 80,000 beneficiaries under the Medical Support Policy of Board, aimed to benefit the poor and needy patients.

Another dimension of Board's benevolent gesture was sponsoring of life transforming Cochlear Implant Surgeries performed on congenitally deaf poor children belonging to economically

deprived backgrounds. The Board has sponsored as many as 23 Cochlear Implant Surgeries, transiting deaf children to the world of sound and speech. SMVDNSH is in fact the only Private Hospital in the entire state performing Cochlear Implant Surgeries requiring high-end clinical capabilities / professional inter-departmental co-operation.

The Governing Body resolved to take further strides in alignment with the philanthropic vision of the Shrine Board to ensure that the Hospital becomes useful for the society / region. The CEO, Shrine Board also assured of Shrine Board's full support in this regard to ensure that the hospital evolves as a state of art facility endeavoring to touch lives of vast sections of society.

Several important decisions concerning further growth of the Hospital with the introduction of "positive interventions" to strengthen the quality of patient care, were taken in the Meeting. This included various decisions to

address operational issues, critical review of progress of early expected Organ Transplant Programme of Hospital, finalizing plans for incurring capital expenditure for growth of Hospital upto 500 beds, extensive review of feedback / suggestions received from patients / attendants and firming-up of a road map for expanding services-framework of Hospital's Jammu clinic.

The Governing Body also critically reviewed the progress of early setting up of fully funded Medical College of the Board for general development of the region. Besides, several decisions having far reaching implications were also taken for the concurrent expansion of the Hospital's bed capacities for meeting emerging demands and further enhancing the operational capabilities of the Hospital. Towards the end of the Meeting, Dr. Bhan emphasized expediency of execution as the essence of future plans relating to the Hospital / upcoming Medical College of the Shrine Board.

DC tours Arnas area, inspects ongoing developmental works

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Wednesday undertook a comprehensive day-long tour of Arnas to assess the progress of various ongoing developmental works and mega projects in the area. During the tour, the DC inspected the pace of works undertaken by Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), works being executed by R&B and the mining leases.

The DC assessed the progress of work on the Water Supply Scheme (WSS) in Arnas, coming up at an estimated cost of Rs 744.33 lakh. He conducted detailed examination of the pipe network, civil works, Dugwell and allied works costing Rs 130 lakh, and 392 Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs). The DC also inspected the WSS works at Kanthan Dharmatha, projected at Rs 947.46 lakh, emphasizing the importance of timely completion.



DC Reasi, Vishesh Paul Mahajan during visit to Arnas.

The DC also Inspected Mining block and directed the DMO and Tehsildars to demarcate and ensure to put in place systems to curb any attempt of illegal mining.

He inspected the under-construction Degree college building at Dharmari and Narloo Bridge, issuing directives to executing agencies to ensure the completion of the works by or before February 28, 2024.

Expressing a sense of urgency, DC directed concerned departments to

expedite work, emphasizing timely completion by or before 28 of February 2024.

He urged executing agencies to mobilize resources effectively and achieve project milestones within the stipulated time frame. The DC underscored the need for a mission-oriented approach to maximize tangible results on the ground. Other presents along with DDC were XENs PWD, JJM, Tehsildars, Officers of GREF and other officers posted in the area.

DDC Chairperson Ramban inaugurates construction of GSR Projects

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RAMBAN: Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan launched the work of two Ground Service Reservoirs (GSR) being executed by the Jal Shakti department in Block Sangaldan. The Chairperson initiated the construction of a 5000-gallon GSR in Kachar Mohalla Panchayat Famrote, Block Sangaldan, as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes. This retrofitting project, being executed by the Jal Shakti Department with an estimated cost of Rs. 5 Lakh, would benefit 326 households. In addition, Dr Shamshad Shan inaugurated the construction of a 10000-gallon GSR at Dar Mohalla Movalkote under the District Plan, with an estimated cost of Rs. 12.34 lakh.

The event witnessed the presence of PRIs members, J.E Jal Shakti Department Rakesh Kumar, along with field staff and local residents, symbolizing a collaborative effort towards achieving the shared goal of enhanced water infrastructure in the region.

MVD conducts Road Safety Awareness Campaign

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KISHTWAR: In alignment with National Road Safety Month 2024, the District Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) on Tuesday conducted an awareness campaign targeting road users, drivers, and conductors on the Kishtwar-Chatroo route.

The initiative focused on instilling a deeper understanding of the importance of road safety, highlighting the common causes of road accidents, and proposing remedial measures to minimize such incidents and enhance overall road safety facilities.

Approximately 150 passengers, drivers, and conductors actively participated in the awareness campaign, attesting to the initiative's success in reaching to a portion of

the local community.

The sessions covered crucial aspects of road safety, emphasizing the shared responsibility of all stakeholders in fostering a secure road environment.

The campaign addressed key topics such as the role of responsible driving, adherence to traffic rules, and the significance of proper vehicle maintenance.

Practical measures for accident prevention and immediate response in emergency situations were also highlighted during the sessions.

The department encourages active participation from the community to collectively contribute towards reducing road accidents and fostering a safer road environment for everyone.

KVK Reasi organises training programme on natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised two days training programme on natural farming under "Up scaling of Natural Farming" project here at KVK, Reasi campus which was attended by a number of farmers of the area. The major objective of the programme was to train the farmers on natural farming and guide them on the various practices required for natural farming.

The programme was organized under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Sr.Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr.Banarsi Lal deliberated on the need of natural farming in present era. He dis-



KVK scientist imparting training.

cussed on the food and nutritional security. He stress on the need to shift conventional farming to natural farming so as to safeguard biodiversity and environment.

He demonstrated the formulations of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Panchgavya, Ghanjeevamrit, Agniasthra, Neemastra, Brahmastra etc. and explained their uses. He emphasised on the cluster based approach required for natural farming. Dr.Arvinde Kumar narrated that by the use of natural

farming formulations farmers can minimize the cost of cultivation and increase the quality of their farm produce. He expressed that natural farming is beneficial for the maintenance soil health, human health and biodiversity. Dr.Lobzang Stanzen guided the participants on mulching and Wapsa(moisture) practices of natural farming. He informed that natural farming is a promising means of reducing the dependence of farmers on external inputs, reducing the

Awareness camps organised to promote sustainable agriculture through HADP

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: In a significant stride towards promoting sustainable agricultural practices, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare organized awareness camps at three organic clusters here to promote "Alternate Agriculture System for Sustainability," a project initiated under the Horticulture and Agriculture Development Project (HADP).

The first camp took place at Fatna Palmar, focusing on detailed training on organic farming methods for cultivating crops and vegetables.

Participants were educated on the use of organic inputs, preparation of Jeevamrit/Panchgavya liquid manure, composting, and other sustainable practices.

The event witnessed the presence of DDC Palmar, Tahir Masood, Chief Agriculture Officer

Kishtwar, Amjad Hussain Malik, District Agriculture Officer Kishtwar, Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Manzoor Ahmed Zargar (SDAO Marwah) and field staff dedicated to the organic cluster in Khattan Fatna Palmar.

The session concluded with the distribution of organic components/inputs.

Another two awareness camps were conducted in the organic clusters of Loharna and Lopara at Sounder Dachhan. Similar training on organic cultivation techniques, use of organic inputs, and the preparation of Jeevamrit/Panchgavya liquid manure and composting was provided.

The event saw the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer, Amjad Hussain Malik, District Agriculture Officer, Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Manzoor Ahmed Zargar (SDAO Marwah) and the field staff of Dachhan block.

JKTJAC holds convention, highlights issues

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UDHAMPUR: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKT-JAC) held one day convention of teachers on "Role Of Teachers To Shape Society Rich In Moral Values" at Udhampur where Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma was the Chief Guest and Director Finance Revenue Ashok Thukaan was the Guest of honour.

The convention was organised under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar and attended by hundreds of teachers of District Udhampur besides UT executives, Provincial executives and District Presidents.

While speaking on the occasion Mr Vinod Sharma stressed for approach of teachers to inculcate moral values in the society by playing a vital role. He said that teachers are very much directly connected to the

society and can play an important role in making it rich in moral values. On the occasion a Memorandum Comprising Genuine Issues was also submitted to the Chief guest including:

Conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/ III who are waiting for the same for a long time;

Transition of Teachers Grade II to substantive posts as per Govt. Order as same has already been done in Kashmir Province and a few Districts in Jammu Province whereas many CEOs haven't yet started the same;

Regularisation of ReTs who have successfully completed their 5 years ReT period; Release of arrears of teachers and masters beyond two years period as they are suffering badly; putting up matter of Old Pension Scheme in favour of NPS employees of the UT with higher ups so that their post retirement lives not be troublesome; Putting up matter of Transfer Policy in

favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme with higher authorities as they have been working in the same schools for last more than two decades and suffering badly including females.

While speaking UT Chairman Saleem Sagar demanded Issuance of mutual transfer lists of pending districts and Issuance of DPC list of teachers to masters as they are waiting for the same for a long time;

Speaking on the occasion General Secretary Najam Jafri raised the issue of Earned leave in favour of teachers engaged for summer/ winter camps and for other duties during summer/winter vacation and At least two teachers in each Primary school as many schools have become single teacher after rationalisation.

Provincial President Rajesh Jamwal demanded that training of teachers by DIETs should be at

District/Tehsil headquarters rather than at DIET offices and clearance of pending Mid Day Meals dues which the teachers have managed from their own pockets.

Addressing the teachers Director stressed for constructive role of teachers to make all round development of the students in schools. He also lauded the efficient approach of teachers to enroll large number of students in KG classes in Govt schools. He assured to redress each and every issue raised by the JKTJAC leadership in the convention.

Those who also spoke on the occasion were:- Reyaz-ur Rehman UT Sr Vice Chairman, Aaftab Malik UT Vice chairman, Surjeet Singh Chib UT Vice president, Rajesh Jamwal Provincial President Jammu, Sham Sharma Chief advisor, Sukhdev Singh Sumbria UT Secretary, Sukesh Khajuria Chief Press and Media Secy, Ashok Seth Provincial Vice President, Subash Chander

UT Organiser, Khazan Singh UT Coordinator, Malik Ashraf UT Secretary, Ghulam Nabi UT Secretary Naseer Ahmed Butt Publicity Secretary, Javed Bali Publicity Secretary, Lekh Raj Parihar DP Udhampur, Sajad Malik DP Doda, Ravinder Manhas DP Jammu, Balwan Singh DP Reasi, Hari Lal Nag DP Ramban, Sayed Shahnavaz Hussain DP Poonch, Tahir Masood DP Kishtwar, Danesh Singh DP Samba, Rekha Thakur, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Shamsher Singh, Jagdish Chander Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Bhushan Khajuria, Ajay Thakur, Vijay Sadhotra, Ranjeet Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Balvinder Singh, Rakesh Singh, Anil Sharma, Swarn Singh, Vipin Raina, Amit Gupta, Sham Singh, Maan Chand, Sudesh Kumar, Ajaz Ahmed Wani, Raman Sharma, Manoj Sharma, Dharur Singh, Mohd Mustafa and others.

VBSY: IEC Van Traverses through panchayats of block Rajouri & Sunderbani

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RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) has become a driving force behind the implementation of various government schemes and ushering in comprehensive development throughout Rajouri district.

The ambitious initiative is strategically crafted to transform Rajouri by extending its reach to underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Today, the VBSY IEC vans traversed through the panchayats of Kangri Lower, Kangri Upper, Kangri Middle, Lower Bhajwal-B, Palam, Charran, Bathuni and Muradpur-A of block Rajouri as well as Sunderbani. This strategic journey highlights the Yatra's commitment to reaching every corner of the district and ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives

are felt at the grassroots level.

Central to this endeavor is an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van, a dynamic mobile platform designed to effectively communicate and create awareness about the diverse initiatives undertaken as part of the Yatra. The van plays a pivotal role in engaging with local communities, imparting crucial knowledge, and empowering residents to avail themselves of the benefits offered by government schemes.

The VBSY has recorded notable success in the implementation of various government schemes in Rajouri District. These schemes, crafted to elevate living standards and provide essential services, have been executed with exceptional efficiency on the ground. Consequently, the community has experienced tangible improvements

and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives.

The impact of the Yatra is evident in enhanced access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, contributing to the overall progress of Rajouri District. Meticulously planned and executed, this initiative aligns with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY symbolizes progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

Parkash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated in Poonch

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POONCH: The Parkash Utsav of the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, unfolded in the border district of Poonch was celebrated with profound religious fervor and exuberance. The vibrant celebration witnessed by thousands of devo-



Gurpurab celebrations at Poonch.

tees from far and wide gathering to pay obeisance to the revered Guru.

Bhai Hareharan Singh, Bhai Inder Singh, Bhai Sartaj Singh, Bhai Bhopinder Singh, Bhai Rasmeet Singh and Bhai Daljeet Singh Jammu with soul-stirring devotion, recited Gurbani Kirtan. The sacred verses echoed through the hearts of the attendees, creating an atmosphere of deep reverence. Adding a historical dimension to the celebration, Parcharak Harjinder Singh Majhi from Sangroor; Ravinder Singh and Prof Narinder Singh elucidated the monumental contributions and sacrifices made by the great Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Their narratives painted a vivid picture of the Guru's enduring legacy, inspiring all present with tales of valor and selflessness. The

event served as a poignant reminder of the teachings and principles propagated by Guru Gobind Singh Ji, emphasizing unity, justice, and righteousness. The people of all walks of life came together to honor the Guru's teachings, fostering a sense of solidarity and spiritual enrichment.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin Mohd Choudhary also spoke on the occasion and conveyed greetings on Parkash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh Ji to the people of Poonch and particularly the Sikh Community. After accomplishment of Sri Akhand Path Sahib at 10:00 AM, Gurbani Kirtan and Lecture session continued up to 4:00 PM. Guru ka Langar which was arranged by Devinder Kour was served to the Sangat.

NHM employees hold block level convention, frame Block Assar Unit

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DODA: The employees of National Health Mission (NHM) on Wednesday organized a block level meeting cum convention of Block Assar at Trauma Hospital Khellani Doda.

The meeting was presided over by senior NHM representative of Jammu Division, Paizan A Trambo (Sr Vice President) and was graced by District President NHM Doda, Dr Nasir Masood Indrabi, Dr Younis Saleem (Vice President Doda), Dr Sadeeq Wani (Advisor), Mashhood Latif (Sr Advisor), Dr Mohd Haneef, Dr Vijay Kumar (Advisor), Dr Sanjeev Kumar (Advisor), Mr Ashok Shan (Vice President Block Ghat) besides Dr

Manjeet Singh, Dr Faheem Wani and Medical Officers, Management and Paramedical Staff of the block was present in the meeting.

Among other things, the meeting discussed the issue of strengthening the organization at gross root level.

During meeting, the employees urged the government to resolve all the pending issues including formulation of job policy, implementation of equal work equal pay policy, timely release and enhancement of salaries and other genuine issues without any further delay.

Meanwhile, a block level body for Block Assar was also framed on this occasion in which Dr Shahnaz Akhter was

elected as President, Dr Maheshwar Karoch as Vice President, Dr Abdul Rehman as General Secretary, Kanta Devi as Secretary, Shashi Kumar as Treasurer, Anjeet Kumar as Co Treasurer, Mushraf Hussain as Spokesperson and Saba Shafiqat & Nitika Singh as Coordinators where as in the block Advisory Committee Dr Anil Thakur was elected as Chairman while Dr Baljeet Singh, Suman Sharma, Moenakshi Kaachroo & Jyoti Kalyan were elected as members of the advisory committee of the new block union.

While speaking on the occasion, the newly elected President Dr Shahnaz Akhter thanked all the participants for

honoring and entrusting her the responsibility of the Block President, promising to work sincerely and dedicatedly for the welfare of National Health Mission Employees of the Block Assar.

In their address, Sr Leaders of the Association stated that with the support of our fellow employees, we can work towards resolving the pending cases and particularly focus on the various concerns. They said the current Chief Secretary, Health Secretary and Mission Director NHM have shown a positive and proactive approach, and we believe we can collectively achieve positive outcomes for the betterment of the employees in the time to come."

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