

## DC Rajouri reviews progress of Power Sector projects



Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

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**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of work on the power sector projects coming up in the district.

The primary focus of this meeting was to evaluate the status of the power sector projects undertaken as part of the District capex budget, UT capex, DDC, BDC, PRI grants, TSP and SSSY.

It was informed that a total of 168 projects have been approved, with an impressive 38 projects already completed. These projects have been proposed to fortify the essential

infrastructure, thereby ensuring uninterrupted power supply to the people of Rajouri.

The review also highlighted the progress under the RDSS scheme of the PDD sector. It was mentioned that work on 16 feeders has commenced, and four of them are expected to be completed in one week. Position of buffer stock and revenue realisation was also discussed wherein the DC was apprised about the achievement in this regard.

The meeting ended with a call to action for all officers involved in these projects, with a renewed commitment to ensuring that the people of Rajouri can soon enjoy a

better quality of life, powered by reliable and uninterrupted electricity.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid, SE PDD Rajouri, Sadiq Azad; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid along with other concerned officers.

Later, the DDC undertook a momentous site visit to the newly constructed 33/11 KV, 6.3 MVA Receiving Substation in Pathan Mohra (Dassal). The Strategic project, conceived to address overloading issues at the Kheora Receiving Substation, has unequivocally succeeded in enhancing the reliability of power supply

to the public.

The recently commissioned Pathan Mohra (Dassal) Receiving Substation stands as a testament to the commitment of the Government to ensuring a seamless and robust power infrastructure.

The 33/11 KV, 6.3 MVA Receiving Substation in Pathan Mohra has been strategically positioned to alleviate the overloading concerns at the Kheora Receiving Substation. This move is poised to have a far-reaching impact on the efficiency and dependability of power supply in the district. The meticulous planning and execution of this project exemplify the proactive approach of the administra-

tion to addressing infrastructure challenges.

During the site visit, the Deputy Commissioner and accompanying officials had the opportunity to observe firsthand facilities and technology incorporated into the newly constructed substation.

The positive feedback received from the residents of the district underscores the immediate impact of the commissioning of the Pathan Mohra Receiving Substation. Improved power supply reliability has resulted in enhanced quality of life for the community, fostering a positive environment for economic activities and daily life. Among others who accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during his visit were Superintendent Engineer JPDCL Cirele Rajouri Er. Sadiq Azad, Executive Engineer ED-Rajouri Er. Mohd Rashid, and Executive Engineer Project Wing (Division Rajouri) Er. R. K. Dabgotra.

## Modi Govt did unparalleled work for needy: Ashok Koul



Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) addressing party workers.

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**SAMBA:** Stressing that the Narendra Modi government did unparalleled work for the needy persons, who were consecutively neglected by the earlier governments, Ashok Koul impressed upon the party workers and the general masses that everybody must become a part of the PM's vision of a better society in a strengthened nation, where all the persons get their due share in the development and should not suffer for the want of basic facilities.

Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) was addressing party workers in a meeting, in which Vice-President Surjit Singh Salathia, former Minister Chander Prakash Ganga, OBC Morcha National Secretary Rashpul Verma, district President Kashmir Singh, Prabhari Th. Narain Singh,

and Seh-Prabhari Munish Khajuria also addressed the meeting conducted at Samba.

In another programme, Ashok Koul accompanied by District President Rekha Mahajan, IT Head Adv. Ishant Gupta, Mandal President Neeraj Lucky Puri, Neena Gupta, Pawan Kumar Dhunna and Dr. Himja Mengi addressed the party workers and general masses including the beneficiaries of various public welfare schemes, senior citizens and local youth at Channi Himmat.

Ashok Koul, addressing the meetings, said that the BJP's people-centric policies have generated a positive atmosphere with the masses realizing the emergence of peace, progress, and prosperity in the nation as well as in Jammu & Kashmir. He said the Prime Minister's mission of Naya

Jammu and Kashmir is to be carried forward by every resident of Jammu & Kashmir to achieve the aim of complete socio-economic upliftment.

Surjit Singh Salathia said that the positive changes brought about by the Modi government has unnerved the fringe vested interests who thrived on instability and unrest for furthering their political agenda for decades. Now the people have developed faith on BJP's policies and neglected the hatred policies of parties with vested political interests.

Chander Prakash Ganga said that the Narendra Modi government has taken care of all the regions and sections of the society while formulating various welfare schemes. These welfare schemes benefitted every citizen in the country, he added.

## GMC Rajouri starts Laparoscopic Gynaecological surgeries



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**RAJOURI:** Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, GMC Rajouri started minimal access, Laparoscopic Gynaecological surgeries, where in Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy was performed by HOD Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Dr. Chander Shekar and team under the patronage of Principal GMC Rajouri Prof. (Dr) A S Bhatia.

Medical Superintendent Associated Hospital GMC Rajouri Dr. Mehmoos Hussain Bajar provided all types of logistic support in conducting the surgery on the basis of zero expenses out of pocket under Aayushman Bharat Sehat Scheme.

Laparoscopic Hysterectomy is a Gynaecological surgical procedure, which involves removing the uterus and cervix (neck of the womb)

using a keyhole (Laparoscopic) technique and removing it through the vagina. We may also remove the ovaries, fallopian tubes and pelvic lymph nodes. A total hysterectomy is usually the preferred option over a subtotal hysterectomy, as removing the cervix means there's no risk of developing cervical cancer at a later date.

Laparoscopic Hysterectomy is a preferred choice over traditional hysterectomy because of shorter hospital stay, faster recovery, typically patients have less pain, little to no blood loss, lower risk of abdominal infection and other complications.

Minimal access, Laparoscopic Gynaecological surgeries will now be performed routinely as a part of commitment of the college to promote minimal access procedures.

## CAO reviews initiatives under CSSs, HADP



CAO Jammu Vinod Kundal during tour to R S Pura.

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**R S PURA:** Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Vinod Kundal, conducted an extensive and comprehensive tour of the Sub-Division R.S.Pura on Tuesday to oversee the progress of various initiatives under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP). During this visit, he engaged in meaningful interactions with progressive farmers in the area.

Kundal emphasized the importance of active participation by farmers in these schemes to derive maximum benefits. In particular, he highlighted ongoing works and encouraged farmers to seize opportunities presented by these initiatives.

Furthermore, Kundal had a productive discussion with Sham Lal Sharma, a beekeeper who recently availed the benefits of 35 beehives/colonies under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan. Others present during the field visit were Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) R.S.Pura, Arun Jaral, SMS Gurmeet Singh, AEO Chak Hassal Benish Rasool and AEA Samita Sharma.

## Sajjad demands seeks overhead bridge at Khari Railway Station

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**BANIHIAL:** The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Leader and District President Ramban, Sajjad Shaheen has appealed to the railway authorities for the construction of an overhead bridge at the recently completed Khari Railway Station. Expressing deep concern, Mr. Shaheen underscored the severe impact on several villages in the region that have been cut off since the railway station has been completed and is likely to be made operational.

The newly constructed Khari Railway Station, while serving as a crucial transport hub, has unintentionally isolated numerous villages, creating significant accessibility challenges for residents.

Shaheen emphasizes the need for immediate intervention of the LG Administration and

higher authorities of Railways to rectify this situation and ensure that the benefits of the railway station are accessible to all.

Shaheen stated, "The new railway station at Khari holds immense potential for the area's development, but its positive impact is overshadowed by the isolation of villages. It is imperative that an overhead bridge is swiftly constructed to reconnect the cutoff villages and ensure they benefit from this vital transportation link." Shaheen emphasized, "The safety of the people is paramount. The absence of an overhead bridge at Khari Railway Station poses a real danger to pedestrians, and it is imperative that swift action is taken to rectify this oversight."

He call upon the authorities to prioritize the well-being of the local residents and expedite the construction of the overhead bridge.

## Khatana criticises Opposition's negative politics

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**RAJOURI:** BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, expressed strong criticism against opposition parties, accusing them of engaging in negative and destructive politics rather than fulfilling their role as a constructive opposition.

Addressing a public meeting organized by Viqar Choudhary, State President, BJP ST Mahila Morcha, in the remote area of Gulhan, Taryath, MP Khatana emphasized Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative impact on the Indian narrative, both domestically and internationally. He stated that under PM Modi's leadership, India has emerged as a major economic force and influence, rapidly growing and displaying zero tolerance for corruption and terrorism.

He highlighted PM Modi's



MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana during public meeting.

commitment to tangible actions on the ground, as opposed to mere rhetoric. He said that the developmental surge witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir during the present regime has not been experienced in the past 70 years.

MP Khatana alleged that a major portion of financial assistance during the past regimes has been misappropriated by dynastic politicians who had ruled Jammu and Kashmir. He commended the

efforts of the LG administration in providing a responsive government at people's doorsteps, citing initiatives such as the visits of senior officers and the "Back to Village" program as tangible outcomes.

He asserted that the central government's focus was on ushering in a new era of development and progress for the region and give a "Naya Jammu Kashmir".

A large number of people joined BJP on the occasion.

## Impressive Nagar Kirtan taken out from Thanda Pani to Sunderbani

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**SUNDERBANI:** In connection with 357th Parkash Utsav (birthday) of Tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, the Sikh community on Tuesday taken out an impressive Nagar Kirtan in block Sunderbani. The youths of Baba Deep Singh Gaska Akhada Poonch was main attraction views of Nagar Kirtan displayed danger stunts at old Bus stand Sunderbani.

Today the impressive Nagar Kirtan was taken out from Gurudwara Singh Sabha Thanda Pani to Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Sunderbani a large number of devotees joined the religious procession. Shri Guru Granth Sahib was placed on a decorated vehicle and Ragi Jathas were accompanying, followed by Sikh Sangat. The displayed of martial art by Gaska party from Poonch was main public attraction of the programme.



Nagar Kirtan being taken out from Thanda Pani.

A highly decorated chariot was created by using open vehicle where the Holy Guru Granth Sahib was placed. It was fitted with loud speakers and several religious personalities of the Sikh community were leading the Nagar Kirtan and reciting Gurbani Shabad Kirtan. In front of the vehicle, 'Panj Payare' attired in traditional dress of warriors carrying swords in hands were leading the

procession. Midway youths of Guru Nanak Road line, Peaks Auto Thanda Pani Sunderbani and others hold stalls of halva, fruits, and also distributed juice and water bottles to every devotees and every vehicles.

Meanwhile at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Sunderbani, some children recite shabad kirtan and Harpal Singh addressed to sangat. The programme was also organized by Gurudwara

Prabandhak Committee, Sunderbani after ardash by Granthi Anter Singh then open Guru Ka Langer in Gurudwara Singh Sabha Sunderbani thousands of devotees took Langer Parvadeh. Management committee & president of Gurudwara Singh Sabha Thanda Pani Dara Singh, management & president of Gurudwara Singh Sabha Sunderbani Natter Singh and others thanked to administration Sunderbani for good cooperation.

In this occasion Additional deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunderbani Vinod Kumar Benhal, naib tehsildar Thanda Pani Dheeraj Sharma, sub division police officer (SDPO) Nowshera Zahir Khan, station house officer (SHO) Sunderbani Rajesh Jasrotia and others were also presented in this religious programme Nagar Kirtan.

## KVK Reasi begins 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 Technology's Jammu (SKUAST-J) began two days training programme on natural farming under "Up scaling of Natural Farming" project here today at Kans Brahman village in Reasi distt. which was attended by a number of farmers of the area. The programme was organised to



KVK officials along with farmers during the programme.

train the farmers on natural farming and educate them on the various practices required for natural farming. The programme was organized under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. Sr.S scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal warmly welcomed participants and briefed the significance of natural farming.

He said that Reasi district of J&K has huge potential in natural farming and the

farmers of the area can generate more income by producing the safe and nutritious food through natural farming. He said that for a healthy society, chemical free and healthy food is required and natural farming can play the pivotal role for the production of safe food. He said that natural farming is the need of the era and informed that it is beneficial for the maintenance soil health, human health and biodiversity. He stressed on the community based approach required for natural farming.

He expressed that natural farming is agro-ecology based farming which integrates crops, trees, livestock and functional biodiversity. He discussed on the importance of farm fields as a source of organic matter and spoke on the usage of indigenous seed and bioinoculants as the catalyst required for natural farming. He elaborated the four pillars of natural farming and demonstrated the preparation of Jeevamrit and Beegamrit. He also elaborated the practices of mulching, Aechadana and various other

biocontrol agents required for the natural farming. He discussed on the preparation of Panchgavya, fermented butter milk, cow urine, Dasharpani etc. He informed that natural farming is a promising means of reducing the dependence of farmers on external inputs, reducing the cost of cultivation and increasing the income of the farmers. Awardee farmers, Sh. Ram Lal and Sh. Bansil Lal of the area were also present during the event and shared their experiences on natural farming with other farmers. During the programme inputs required for natural farming formulations were also distributed among the participants. Farmers showed keen interest in the technologies explained by the experts and they were convinced to use them. Manohar Lal of KVK, Reasi helped in arranging logistics and mobilising farmers for the training programme.

## Army sets up milk factory in border village Pukharni

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**NOWSHERA:** The Army on Tuesday dedicated a state-of-the-art milk factory to inhabitants of a remote border village in Rajouri district, a defence spokesman said.

The initiative executed under operation 'Sadbhavana' (goodwill) at village Pukharni underlines the Army's commitment towards empowering the inhabitants towards self-dependence and socio-economic development, the spokesman said in a statement here.

He said the milk factory, inaugurated by local women, is a concrete step towards harnessing the potential of resident dairy farmers and providing a local avenue for the regions' dairy farmers to sell their milk produce thus reducing their dependence on Naushera and Rajouri



towns. "Women empowerment is one of the noteworthy aspects of establishment of Pukharni milk factory wherein this establishment will provide jobs to over 20 local women.

"Besides serving as a powerful tool for social transformation, with actively involving women in the dairy production chain, the Army aims to enhance their economic independence and

social standing giving way for a more inclusive and progressive society," the spokesman said.

He said the focus of the project is not just economic development but also engaging Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities of the region where the Indian Army has collaborated with Gujjar community to comprehend the intricacies of dairy farming in the challenging terrain of Pukharni.

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