

# BJP committed to do justice with Pahari Tribals: Raina

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RAJOURI: Thousands of people participated enthusiastically in a mega rally addressed by J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina in which he stressed that Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to do justice with Pahari Tribal people.

J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta along with former MoS Kuldeep Raj Gupta, Ch. Talib Hussain, District President Rajinder Gupta, Dinesh Sharma, Mohd. Iqbal Malik, Rajouri MC President Mohd. Arif Bhat, Rajouri MC Vice-President Bharat Bhushan Vaid, Qayum Mir, Koushal Gupta, Ranjit Tara, Dev Raj Sharma, Randhir Singh, Rakesh Raina, Ayub Pahhalwan, Subhash Sharma,



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina addressing a rally at Rajouri.

Kapil Saral, Raja Rattan, Shamshad Begum, Adv. Haq Nawaz, Pahari leader Gurdev Thakur, Sohail Khan, Yogesh Sharma, Radish Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Sourab Sharma, Jahid Mohammad, Harish Bharti, Master Sajjad Mirza, Kewal Sharma, Arti Sharma, Samreen Khan, Talib Mir

and others were the prominent present in the mega rally conducted at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri.

Ravinder Raina, addressing the massive public rally said that the Pahari tribal population and every other neglected community has been taken care of by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led

Union government. He said that the Pahari people are benefitting from the schemes of the Modi government and B&P is committed to do justice with the Pahari Tribal population and taking care of their every genuine need. He added that this massive public rally shows that J&K has headed towards a major change in favour of B&P.

Raina said that the ownership rights of the land to these people are granted only with the sincere efforts of BJP leadership. He also said that the issue of inter District recruitment ban has been sorted out only due to the Modi led leadership. He said that the 4-laning of the roads will give major boost to the ongoing development projects in this area. He said

that the tunnels are being constructed on a fast track basis. Bunkers are being built, he said and enumerated many more achievements of the BJP government.

Vibodh Gupta said that BJP follows the policy of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" and this principle is evident in the development projects that have been specifically designed to develop the border belts and the public welfare schemes that have been concentrated to uplift the socio-economic status of the earlier neglected sections of the society.

Kuldeep Raj Gupta said that other parties have done successive injustice to Pahari people and that has been now undone by the Modi government.

# Bank employees stage protest, observe strike



Bank employees staging protest at Kathua.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: As a part of nationwide Bandh call for two days, bank employees observe complete strike on Friday and held protest demonstrations at various places across J&K.

In Kathua district, a massive demonstration of bank

employees was held at Mukhargi Chowk Kathua in front of State Bank of India in which employee of PNB, UCO, CBI, Union, Canara, Punjab & Sind & Other PSU Bank s under the banner of United Forum of bank Unions staged protest.

Dipti Bhagat, SBI Officer Association Regional Secretary, Sanjeev Kumar SBI Staff Association Regional Manager, Ankur Prasher, Monoj Kumar, Gulshan Sharma and Other bank staff members were present on the occasion.

## PDD officials conduct inspection drive in Batote town

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To eradicate the menace of power theft, Power Development Department (PDD) along with J&K police conducted surprise night inspections in Batote town and penalized the people for illegal hooking.

According to a PDD spokesman, taking cognizance of increased tapplings during night hours, a team constituted by Electric Sub-Division Batote under the Supervision of AE Sub-Division Batote along with the Meter Readers, Linemen, Junior Engineers inspected the Batote town and found 15 illegal connections during the 2-hour long drive, which were disconnected on-spot.

The team also collected photographs along with other evidence so that action under appropriate clause of State Electricity Act may be initiated against the defaulters.

Besides this, a warning was issued to all those who resort to power pilferage that FIRs will be lodged and police assistance will be sought if required.

During the inspection, the officials of the PDD team disconnected the illegal connections and recovered Heating elements, Load revised and fine imposed on various defaulters.

The officials warned the people to regularize their connections and further urged upon the consumers to stop illegal hooking.

## GDC Gool carries out cleanliness & sanitation drive



Students and faculty during the programme at Gool.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GOOL: Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav cell, Students of Govt. Degree College Gool proceeded to adjoining village Jamman to undertake a cleanliness and sanitation activity there. Principal Prof. (Dr.) T K Sharma flagged of the team and advised the students to become contributory citizens

of the nation and tackle the ecological hazards head on.

Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat (HOD Political science), also accompanied the students to keep their morale up. The team Head Aisha (Lecturer in E.V.S) and Dr. Israr ul haq ( physical Education) lead students in the field to clean the said village. A large quantity of

waste material like polythene, plastic bottles, weeds etc were removed from the locality .The participant students and Teachers impressed upon the residents to become more eco-friendly and disband the use of polythene owing to its hazardous sequels.The locals welcomed and applauded the efforts of the college.

## Col Mahan re-starts work of Jathana Bridge

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Col (Retd.) Mahan Singh, Chairman DDC Kathua on Friday restarted work of Jathana Bridge over Ujh River amid celebration by jubilant residents of this remote area of Barnoti block in district Kathua.

The work of Jathana Bridge across river Ujh was started in 2016 under JLPCC, with project cost of Rs 32 lakhs, however, due to scarcity of funds the construction was stalled by a Chandigarh based firm which is executing the construction work.

With the concerted efforts of DDC Chairman & DDC Councilor Smt Rimmy Charak and the directions of Dr Jitendra Singh, MOS PMO to authorities concerned, the much awaited work has now recommenced meeting the popular demand of the residents of Jakhole, Jathana Lower, Jathana Upper and Boura Panchayats



DDC Chairman Mahan Singh starting bridge work.

of Kandi region.

Reiterating the Modi Govt commitment to provide connectivity in rural and remote areas, DDC Chairman assured the residents that now onwards the work will continue to be completed on fast pace and required funds will be made available for this vital project. He added that this bridge across River Ujh will provide vital lifeline for the isolated Panchayats of Jathana Lower, Jathana Upper and Bouhra which at

present get cut off during rainy season due to over flow of river Ujh. As a result patients, school going children, daily wagers etc get worst affected.

Shri Gopal Mahajan, Raghumandan Singh (Bablu) DDC Vice Chairman, Local DDC Councilor Rimmy Charak, Sarpanches, Panches, BJP's senior leaders, prominent residents, women and youth were present in large numbers.

Col Mahan appreciated the

patience of the residents of this remote Kandi belt who in spite of numerous problems affecting their lives due to backwardness of the region were happy and contented that the Modi Government is improving their living conditions. Later DDC Chairman went on foot across the Ujh River and conducted separate public meetings at Upper Jathana and Lower Jathana Panchayats where in large numbers of residents were present. They all unitedly put up one single demand for road connectivity in the area. Some people also raised demand for improving the food supply chain in the area.

DDC Chairman also inspected ongoing work of Ghatti to Saffial Road and inaugurated crate work worth 12 lakhs along the Nallah in Lower Jathana & a tractor road costing more than Rs 6 lakh being funded out of CAPEX budget 2021-22.

## SKPA hosts Dr Pandita's lecture on role of foreign funding in abating terrorism

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur (SKPA) hosted a lecture by Dr. Daleep Pandita on the role of foreign funding in abating terrorism.

Dr Pandita delivered a comprehensive lecture through power point presentation about the foreign funding provided to the Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) that is used for abating terrorist activities in India with special reference to Jammu and Kashmir.

Based on his vast experience and international exposure as the New India Assurance Company's former Regional Manager for Northern India of Government of India undertaking, Dr Pandita deliberated upon the modus



Dr. Daleep Pandita being felicitated during the programme.

operandi used by such illegal promoters in disturbing security, safety and stability of the region.

He explained in depth how these unlawful operations are being carried out by mis-using financial transitions resulting in various economic crimes. About 30 Jammu and Kashmir Police force officers of the rank of Dy SP attended the lecture during this two week vertical

interaction course going on at SKPA.

Role of banking and financial institutions in checking money laundering that is abating terrorist activities in J&K due to unauthorized financial transitions was discussed in detail in order to evolve a comprehensive strategy to counter it. Insurgency in J & K remained the main focus of this lecture of Dr. Pandita.

## Civil Defence Akhnoor organises basic training programme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: Five days CD basic training programme was started at Dhounchak Jodian, Tehsil Khour. The programme was organized by the Civil Defence, Akhnoor under the guidance of Commandant General, HG/CD &SDRF, J&K Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated by Gardhari Lal (SSP) Staff Officer to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF J&K Jammu. (75) Civilians from adjoining area attended the said programme. The training will be given by the Civil

Defence Experts on the knowledge of First Aid & Fire Fighting, Snake bite, Choking and other basic life saving technique and preventive measures during the natural/ manmade disaster.

In this programme Gardhari Lal Sharma (SSP) and Anita Pawar (Dy.SP) Incharge Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Akhnoor delivered valuable lectures on the topics of Disaster Management and highlighted the role and importance of Civil Defence organization.

She urged that this training is considered to be very beneficial for the daily life of every human being.

The programme was co-ordinate by Kuldeep Kour Dy. Divisional Warden Civil Defence Akhnoor. During the programme S.O.P as well as guidelines issued by the govt. of J&K regarding COVID-19 was properly followed. Besides other who was present on the occasion were Asstt. Sub Insp. Sahib Singh I/C Trainings CD Akhnoor, Sg. Ct. Surjeet Singh Civil Defence instructor and Sg.Ct. Raj Kumar civil Defence Instructor.

## Reasi police organises debate competition



Police officials along with winner and participating students.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Reasi Police on Friday organised Online debate Competition under Civic Action Programme of Jammu and Kashmir Police in which 24 budding student-speakers from different parts of district Reasi participated.

Students from class 8th to 12th and College students participated in the event in two different categories and debated on the topics Martyrs can never be forgotten; revolution or Evolution is required for betterment of society; role of police in prevention of drug abuse and counseling of addicts; was loss of life in COVID-19 Pandemic due to self negligence or lack of awareness.

Today Prize distribution to the participants of the contest was conducted in a simple & impressive way

while observing COVID Appropriate Behavior, in District Police Office Reasi in which besides all participants, their parents, prominent citizens & educationists participated.

SSP Reasi Shailender Singh distributed certificates & books among the Participants. Kashvi Mahajan student of 8th class of DPS Katra bagged first Position in this competition, second position was bagged by Aryan Nanda student of 12th class of GHSS Reasi whereas Pranvi Abrol student of Presentation Convent High School Reasi was adjudged third.

Shailender while speaking conveyed that Reasi Police organises such events under Civic Action Programme with the motive to provide platform to the students and wished them good luck for future

endeavors.

Former MoS Ajay Nanda who is also parent of a winner student also graced the function. Besides Officers of Reasi Police, CEO Reasi Aziz Qadri, Chandershekar Gupta Principal GDC Reasi, Kapil Kumar Principal JNV Reasi, Pawan Dev Singh Advocate also addressed the students.

Manoj Kumar Principal HSS Boys Reasi, Prem Nath Principal KV Jyotipuram, Sister Leela Mali Principal Convent HSS Reasi, Jawahar Pandita Principal Gurukul HSS Reasi, Amit Gupta Associate officer NCC Boys, Annie Raguvanshi Associate Officer NCC Girls, Sanjeev Khajuria President Durga Natak Mandli were also present in the event and blessed & encouraged the students with presence.

## Vikas Kundal takes over as DC Rajouri

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Vikas Kundal on Friday took over as Deputy Commissioner Rajouri replacing Rajesh Kumar Shavan who has been transferred and posted as MD Jammu and Kashmir Projects Construction Limited (JKPCC).

Vikas Kundal is an AGMUT cadre IAS Officer of 2013 batch and has earlier served at various posts including Additional Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Regulatory Authority Srinagar, MD JKPC and other important posts.

## NDRF organises mock drill at Govt Polytechnic College Reasi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: The 13th Battalion of NDRF organised a mock drill under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here at Government Polytechnic College.

The event was organised in association with SDRF and Fire & Emergency Services department.

During the event, locals were educated and trained to handle emergency situations arising during earthquakes and landslides. Students of GDC Reasi and Government Polytechnic College were

also trained in CPR and first aid techniques.

A table top exercise was also held yesterday at District headquarters in connection with today's exercise.

Those present at the event included SSP Shalinder Singh; ADC Abdul Star; CMO Rajeev Sharma; CEO Mohd Aziz; Principal Polytechnic College Dr Vivek Mahajan; Principal Degree College Dr Chanra Shekhar and NCC cadets Incharge Lt Sunil Mangotra, besides staff of NDRF.

## Dr Abhishek assumes charge as SSP Samba

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: In pursuance to the Government Order No. 320-Home of 2021 Dated December 16, 2021, Dr Abhishek Mahajan, on Friday assumed the charge as New Senior Superintendent of Police Samba hereby replacing SSP Rajesh Sharma. After visiting District police office Samba, the new SSP was presented with Guard of Honour followed by handing over and taking over of charge memorandums between both officers. Thereafter, outgoing officer was given warm send off by incoming



SSP and other officers of District Police Samba. After assuming charge, the new SSP interacted with all supervisory officers and

SHOs of District police samba and stressed upon them to enhance work efficiency and render services to public.

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