

Reiterating demand for OBC status, Manmohan urges Jats for united struggle

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HIRANAGAR: Appealing to the community members for a united fight, Ch Manmohan Singh, former Mayor and President All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) on Saturday reiterated demand for granting OBC status to Jats on the lines of other states.

He was chairing a meeting of All India Jat Maha Sabha in Hiranagar. The conclave with many senior Jat leaders as participants resolved to raise the issue of OBC status with the government. They said nothing less than grant of OBC status will be accepted as this is the right of the community and no one can deny the same.

The meeting asserted that without getting this privilege, the community



Ch Manmohan Singh, President AIJMS along with others after the meeting.

cannot progress and come out of the morass which currently is back-drifting the Jats and thus OBC status is the only panacea to come out of the misery.

Ch Manmohan Singh asserted that united we stand should be the slogan of Jats as otherwise the government will not accede to the demand. He said that by showing solidarity

Jats can achieve their goal therefore unity is a must to get justice.

The Jat leader said that the aim can only be achieved by showing strength and unity of the community and fighting for the cause in one voice. He said already the Jat Maha Sabha is taking extraordinary measures to spread awareness among

the community members spread across the length and breadth of the Union Territory to stand for their right together and for this, he would continue to pursue efforts. "If Center and other state government are giving this bounty to Jats then there is no weight in J&K administration logic of denying the same to community members in

Union Territory and this is final that Jats will take away their right by all means", he said and sought support of entire community to follow pursuit.

Ch Manmohan Singh said that he is visiting every Tehsil in the Union Territory to make up the mind of Jats to support only those entities in the ensuing polls which intend to give justice to Jats. He said that soon Hiranagar constituency will be declassified as reserved therefore it is necessary to bring a face from the community for the upcoming Assembly election as the constituency has over 12,000 votes Jats. He however said that he is ever-ready for any cause of the community members and anyone can approach him 24X7 for the same.

DC Reasi approves 370 cases under Tejaswini scheme

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REASI: District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on Saturday approved 370 proposals under TEJASWINI scheme at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi Charandeep Singh.

The committee held threadbare discussion on the implementation of Tejaswini scheme in the district meant for providing employment opportunities to the women-folk by starting their income generating activities in manufacturing, service, trading or small scale sector.

Highlighting the importance of the scheme, Charandeep Singh said "TEJASWINI" scheme launched under Mission Youth aims to provide financial assistance to young women entrepreneurs for setting up profitable self-employment ventures suited to their skill and training aptitude. He



DC Reasi Charandeep Singh chairing DLIC meet.

said the purpose of the scheme is also to empower and encourage young women in the age group of 18 to 35.

The DC stressed upon Assistant Director Employment to screen the remaining applications and bring more progressive women entrepreneurs under the ambit of the scheme by disseminating mass awareness. He called for bringing more and more aspiring women entrepreneurs under the ambit of the scheme.

Pertinently, the beneficiaries

under the TEJASWINI scheme under Mission Youth are provided financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh under the age group of 18 to 35 years to start their business. The beneficiaries will be provided 10% of the project cost by Mission Youth.

Among others, the meeting was attended by CPO Sunita Kanchan, GM DIC Gurdev, DSWO Gulshan Kumar, LDM Habib Ullaha, AD Employment Naresh and officers from other concerned departments.

JPDCL employees hold protest in Bhadarwah against privatisation



Power Deptt employees staying protest.

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BHADARWAH: Power sector employees including engineers sit on strike and held a protest in Jammu and Kashmir's additional district Bhadarwah on Saturday against privatization of power distribution and transmission system.

On the call of Jammu and Kashmir Power Employees coordination committee, the employees of Bhadarwah organised protest demonstra-

tions in JKPDC (earlier known as Power Development Department) Sub Divisional Office Bhadarwah under the chairmanship of AEE JPDCL Sub Division Bhadarwah K.C.Raina.

While raising slogans against privatization, the employees said that the government is hell-bent on creating private monopolies in the power sector by putting the future of employees on stake.

The employees demanded to withdraw the process of privatization of electricity from the public sector to a private company and cancel all existing privatization and franchises in the power sector.

They said we are not against reforms in power sector but stand should be cleared by the Government on the future of employees.

While coming in support of JPDCL employees, civil society also joined the strike. Advocate Majid Malik opposes the proposed privatization and transfer of public assets to the private sector as this will result in a high tariff for the consumers and will become defunct.

Those who addressed the employees includes Saleem Ahmed Tak, Sheikh Sair Hussain, Arif Butt, Nixon Kashyap, Vikas Kotwal, Mubina Kousar, Gulshan Ara and others.

Director AYUSH visits Bhadarwah, inspects ongoing developmental works



Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh during visit to Bhadarwah.

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BHADARWAH: To inspect and review the progress of ongoing developmental works of different projects under AYUSH, Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh visited Bhadarwah on Saturday morning and took stock of construction work in the premises of Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants (IHAMP) at Basti area.

Dr Mohan supervised the

demonstration plots, Nursery, Germ Seed Center and boundary walls of the project.

He also visited the site at Chabbra-Kotli and inspected the construction of administrative block, collection center, storage godown, drying sheds, bathrooms, auction platforms and shops.

Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Malik, Nodal Officer construction work IHAMP was accompa-

nied the Director, who apprised him in detail regarding progress of construction work of the institute. Director give direction to complete work at an earliest.

He also visited the AYUSH health and wellness center Drudru.

Later Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh visited AYUSH unit Doda and took stock of it's routine functioning.

He also chaired a meeting of Medical Officers AYUSH Department in the office of District AYUSH officer Doda.

He was accompanied by Dr Sanjay Raina District AYUSH Officer Doda, Dr Waleed-ul-Hassan Nodal Officer J&K Medicinal Plant Board, Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Malik, Dr Manjeet Singh and Dr Ashwani Kumar.

GDC Thannamandi organises slogan writing competition



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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THANNAMANDI: NSS Unit of GDC Thannamandi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava organised a slogan writing competition on Energy Conservation. The programme was organised under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi. A good number of students participated in the event. On this occasion NSS Programme Officer Prof. Muhammad Shoket enlightened that only by conserving energy Planet can be preserved. He also awarded the volunteers regarding energy efficiency and importance of conserving it.

The judges of the event were Prof. Raheela Mushtaq HoD Zoology, Prof. Ajaz Nazir HoD Physics and Prof. Naveen Sharma HoD Environmental Sciences. In the Slogan writing competition Ishrat Javaid of sem. 5th secured first position where as Javaria Khan of Sem. 1st clinched second position and Saiba Khan of sem. 1st bagged third position.

Labour Deptt disburses Rs 28 Lakh as Education Assistance, Death compensation among eligible beneficiaries

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RAMBAN: Labour Department, Ramban, disbursed Rs.12, 51,500 as 'Lower Education Assistance' among 200 wards of Labour Card holders of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam released the amount in favour of beneficiaries. He also handed over a cheque of Rs. 15, 12,450 as compensation amount to the family of a deceased labourer.

The DC said that the Labour Department is implementing several welfare schemes which have been launched by the Government to provide financial assistance to registered construction workers for the education of their children and welfare of their families.

According to Assistant Labour Commissioner, Angrez Singh, an amount of Rs 12,51,500 as Lower Education Assistance and Rs. 98762 as Chronic disease was transferred directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts.

He said that a cheque of Rs. 15, 12,450 as compensation amount was also handed over to the family of a deceased labourer of Bihar. He also advised the labour card holders to get their card renewed well in time to take benefits from beneficiary oriented schemes of the department.

Remain extra vigilant to avert any untoward incident: SSP to cops

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SAMBHA: After assuming the charge, SSP Samba Dr. Abhishek Mahajan, chaired a general crime and security scenario review meeting with all Police Supervisory Officers, SHOs, Incharge PPs and Incharge Border Police Posts at Conference Hall DPO Samba.

At the outset of meeting, one to one interaction with all the jurisdictional officers was held by the newly joined SSP Samba. Thereafter discussion was carried out on various issues of public interest, general crime position and current security scenario in the respective jurisdiction of territorial officers present in the meeting. The chairing officer asked the participant



SSP Samba Dr. Abhishek Mahajan chairing a meeting.

officers to remain extra vigilant to avert any untoward incident in their area of responsibility. The participants were directed to put an effective curbs on bovine smuggling activities and effective efforts be made to eradicate the social evil of drug menace from the society. During the meeting, SSP Samba urged upon all the

police officers to strengthen security grid in their respective areas, gear up the investigation process and achieve maximum disposal in the remaining days of the year. All the territorial officers were asked to remain firm in duty but be polite with general public and redress their grievances in a time bound manner.

District-level declamation contest on 'Patriotism & Nation Building' held

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KATHUA: Nehru Yuva Kendra Kathua organised District level declamation contest on "Patriotism and Nation Building" in collaboration with NSS unit of Govt. Degree College, Kathua. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Rajkiran, Principal GDC Kathua. The panel of judges was consists of Prof. Dr. Yaspal Sharma, Prof. Dr. Rachana Devi, Dr. Renu Gupta.

In this declamation contest 15 Youth both male and female hailing from different blocks participated and expressed their view points on this important topic.

In District level declamation contest Naman Dogra adjudged 1st and given



A participant expressing views during the event.

Rs.5000 as cash prize, memento and citation certificate, Amisha Devi stood 2nd and given Rs.2000 cash prize, Tannia Sharma stood 3rd and given Rs. 1000as cash prize, memento and citation certificates.

Prof. Rajkiran Principal, Govt. GDC, Kathua has

given away prizes to the winners. Som Datt Zaard, Deputy Director, NYK Kathua, in his address he draws the importance of Patriotism and national building in the Indian history and culture, pre Independence and post Independence and duties of Youth in present scenario.

Prof Yaspal Sharma also addressed the Youth and guide and motivated them for actively participate in National Intergration, National service. Prof Manmohan Singh, PO NSS, Prof Neha Bandrayal, Prof. Jasvinder were also present on the occasion.

SDM pays surprise visit to various Govt offices



SDM Surankote Nihem ul Nissa Bhatti inspecting an office.

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SURANKOTE: Following various complaints regarding absentee at various government offices in Surankote Tehsil, the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Surankote Nihem UL Nissa Bhatti on Saturday paid surprise visit in different government offices of the division. She took first hand assessment of the Department of Power Receiving Station Lassana and PHC Lassana. Moreover She gave direction to all employees to be punctual in respective offices.

GDC Bhadarwah organises Cyber Jagurkta Rally

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BHADARWAH: Under initiative of Govt. of India scheme Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Centre (14C) Department of Computer Science GDC Bhadarwah in collaboration with NCC and NSS unit of the college organized a Cyber Jaagrookta Rally in Bhadarwah town on Saturday. The rally started with the warm welcome address by Prof. Arjun Kotwal, HOD Computer Science department where he welcomed all the staff members and students for participating in rally. Prof. Devinder Kumar, vice-Principal of the college in his address congratulated the department for



Students and faculty during the programme.

organizing such important events. After that Prof. Davinder Kumar flagged off the rally.

The rally started from College campus and culminated at Seri Bazaar park via new bus stand, link road

Bhadarwah. The students also interacted with shopkeepers and other public about Cyber crime and its ill effects. Students also raised slogans related to Cyber Jaagrookta such as "Keep your password secret

and strong", "Don't share OTP to strangers", "Change your passwords regularly" etc. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks presented by Prof. Vijay Kumar from Department of Computer Science. Prof. Tariq Bhat from the department of Computer Science has played a key role in organizing the rally. Staff members who participated in the rally are Prof. Prithvi Raj, Prof. Ankush Kumar, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad, Prof. S K Katal, Prof. Rahul Uttam, Prof. Smil Singh, Prof. Ab Rouf Bhat, Prof. Shamsheer Singh, Bushan Kumar, Ashfaq Ahmad and others.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises Intra-College Debate Competition

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka AmritMahotsav' organised Intra-College Debate Competition on the theme 'Democracy and Human Rights' on Saturday. The event was organised under the guidance of Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur. In the competition 15 students have participated. The event was organised in order to make the students aware about the importance of democratic setup, which is the only institution to protect human rights of individuals. In the competition Aditi Rajput secured first position, Sonika Sharma secured second position and Vishali Devi and Manisha Devi shared 3rd position.

The competition was adjudged by Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani and Mandeep Kour. The coordinator of the event was Dr. Akhter Hussain. Others present were Asif Abdullah Baba, Dr. Koshika Sharma and Ab. Qayoom Mallah.

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BGSBU conducts placement drive



Students and officials during the drive.

from Department of Computer Sciences, 4 from School of Engineering and Technology and 2 from University Polytechnic. The Job profile offered to the students included Business Development Manager, AutoCAD Designer and Software Developer. Among the selected candidates, MBA students were offered ₹5 lakh annual package, while those

pursuing MCA, B.Tech and Diploma Engineering bagged an average annual package of Rs 4 Lakh. Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Prof. Akbar Masood congratulated the selected candidates. Prof. Akbar said, "I heartily congratulate the selected candidates and wish them all the good luck for their bright and prosperous future ahead. At,

BGSB University we have a dedicated placement cell which aims at providing the best career opportunities to the students so that the students can explore career options in diverse fields." The Vice Chancellor advised the selected students to prove their worth by serving the company in the best possible manner and keep the university's banner flying high.