

# Follow 'test, track & treat' approach to avert threat of fresh COVID surge: DC Reasi

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REASI: District Development Commissioner, Charandeep Singh on Sunday chaired a meeting to discuss modalities for intensifying testing to keep a track on all people and pilgrims entering Katra and other locations.

Charandeep Singh emphasized that the sampling is required to be done on a daily basis with other concrete measures to mitigate the pandemic in the district.

Passengers arriving at the entry points need to show a negative RT-PCR test certificate and those who test positive will be mandatorily quarantined and dispatched



DDC Charandeep Singh during visit to Katra Railway Station.

back home safely following COVID-19 SOPs.

"Test, track and treat is an effective strategy to check the spread of the disease. Charandeep Singh stressed that the travelling history of

"earnestly," the DC said. On this occasion, he also decided to take up the matter with bordering states like Punjab. Charandeep Singh stressed that the travelling history of

Pilgrims and special Immigrants need to be tracked and details need to be shared with respective officers. He further said that the guest visiting homes of near and dear ones need to mandatorily disclose their travel history.

He also emphasized on sharing DOs and Don'ts for the safety against the new variant Omicron with local media besides displaying and erecting hoardings at Railway station and all other crowded places of the district.

The DC stressed on making announcements as mandatory on Railway station platforms by RPF on arrival of

trains. He instructed the health Department to work delicately and vigilantly and plug the loopholes, if any. He also directed the Police to stay alert, vigilant and help in dispatching Covid Positives back to home safely.

He said that cooperation and coordination and timely dissemination of information regarding the virus will help in checking the spread of virus.

Abhishek, SDM Katra, Ravinder, DYSP Railways, Superintendent Railway station Katra, CMO, Reasi, Tehsildar Katra, ARTO Reasi besides officials of Railways and nodal officers participated in the meeting.

## Good governance hallmark of Modi Govt: Col Mahan



Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua interacting with locals.

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BANI: Continuing with concerted efforts to reach out to PRI members and the public of remote areas, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua on Sunday held a public grievance Sammelan at Duggan (Bani).

People in large numbers from Duggan, Bani and Lohai Malhar blocks attended the event. DDC Members Kishor Kumar, Reeta Devi, BDC Chairperson Neelam Kumari accompanied the DDC Chairman. Sarpanch and Panchs also attended the Sammelan. SDM Bani

and ADDC Kathua along with all concerned officers and officials were also present.

Public issues like delay in construction of PMGSY & PWD roads, inflated electricity bills, shortage of drinking water, development of tourism infrastructure, non availability of doctors and staff at health centres, shortage of teachers in Govt Schools, construction of play grounds etc were raised in the Sammelan. Some members demanded early completion of Dhaggar to Katli Road via Dheri Gali.

The DDC Chairman lis-

tened to all the speakers patiently and noted each and every issue for early redressal.

The DDC Chairman assured the public of resolving all the issues on priority. He passed on spot instructions to officers present for addressing the issues. He thanked PM Narendra Modi, Dr Jitendra Singh and LG Manoj Sinha for including Kathua-Basohli-Bani-Doda Road in Bharat Mala project as part of PMDP.

Col Mahan said that good governance is the hallmark of Modi Govt which stands committed to the welfare and well-being of people residing in far flung areas. He informed the people about the relentless efforts of LG Sinha led government's commitment to promote tourism in Basohli-Bani Region.

Col Mahan also inaugurated boundary wall worth Rs. 10 lakh at Govt High School Dhaggar and renovation work of Dulangan Panchayat Garh worth Rs. 5 lakh under Capex Plan.

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## Making society drug-free our prime goal: Mankotia



Participants along with organisers after the marathon.

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UDHAMPUR: Garnering the mass support in Marathon- A Run Against Drug Eviction was organized by Dogra Kranti Dal (NGO Reg no 3666) in which scores of youth participated & vowed against drugs despite of heavy rain & freezing cold weather. Marathon started from Malhar to Garnai around 8.00 AM.

During the occasion, Former MLA & Chief Patron Balwant Singh Mankotia addressed the youth after the Marathon and said that participation of such a large number of youth in this marathon for a war against drugs has set an example. Participants took a pledge to make the society drug free by participating in the Marathon Run.

Mankotia congratulated locals and youth of both the Panchayats (Garnai & Malhar) over the healthy participation and said that it is the war against drugs which will convey a message to the state as well as the whole country through marathon.

Further, Mankotia added that in recent days most of our youth got trapped in this drug abuse which they had paid by losing their lives. He said that it should be barred strictly as it is weakening our nation.

On this occasion Sarpanch Uttam Singh, Sarpanch Vikram Singh, Sarpanch Surjit Singh, Social activist Neeraj Sharma, Pavinder Singh, Captain Gopal Singh, Shekhar Singh, Sanjat Singh, Aslam Anjum, Raghuvir Gondota, Harjeet Singh, Yoga Instructor Ravinder Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Bhupinder Singh, Mubarak Hussain etc. were also present.

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Refresher course which is being conducted in District Police Lines for the last three weeks. Jawans have to go through a rigorous training schedule which includes a road-run of 20 kms, long jumps, high jumps for physical endurance and various techniques of mob handling both by restraint as well as force.

After achieving remarkable improved physical standards, a demo of mob handling was presented to Sh. Suleman Choudhary Deputy Inspector General of Police Udhampur-Reasi Range in District Police Lines Reasi.

In the demonstration different aspects of mob handling were presented, which includes use of water Canons, Lathi Charge with different formations and use of Shells also.

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special situations also add in the training Schedule.

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Suleman Choudhary was briefed about the progress of the course by Shailender Singh SSP Reasi as well as presented demonstration of trainees for 40 minutes in the grounds of District Police Lines. Impressed by the training module of district police and the standards achieved by the jawans in mob handling, Choudhary appreciated the efforts of team of district police Reasi for conducting such type of refresher courses. High level of preparedness will be maintained. SSP further stated that "More You Sweat in Peace, Less You Bleed in War" will remain the guiding principle of Reasi police.

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