

# No tolerance on drug abuse & subversive activities: SSP Poonch

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POONCH: SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra on Sunday visited Tehsil Mankote and organised PCPG meeting in which Sarpanches Panches and other respectable person of village Mankote, Sagra, Balnoi and locals attended the meeting. He was accompanied by SDPO Mendhar Sheezan Bhat and SHO Mendhar Inspector Niaz Khatana. The participants highlighted various problems pertaining to electricity, water supply, ration and health infrastructure. They also demanded special recruitment of youth in police for these border villages and also demanded proper mobile network facilities. Besides it they thanked SSP Poonch for



SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra along with locals during PCPG meet.

organising PCPG meetings and requested that these meetings should continue to build police public relations.

Moreover they praised work of police and timely actions in sensitive issues and maintaining law and order. SSP Poonch also thanked for their cooperation in maintaining peace and order and cordial

atmosphere in border villages. He however also maintained that there will no tolerance on drugs abuse and subversive activities against unity and integrity of nation. He held that youth should come forward in education and support activities and excel in other fields also. People were assured that their issues will be project-

ed to the concerned authorities.

After that he visited Police station Mendhar and hold Darbar of Police nafri of Police station Mendhar and SOG Mendhar. He listened the problems of jawans patiently and taken note of it. He advised the nafri to work hard upto the expectations of people and should exhibit a good character and avoid malpractices. He stressed on police to use modern technologies in investigation skill and focuss on improving records and early disposal of crime works. Beside it he assured to jawans that their welfare measures shall be on fore front and always on priority.

Parshotam Singh told that the union was established in 1990, from the

## JKGTF holds meeting; highlights issues

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KATHUA: Jammu Kashmir Government Teachers Forum (JKGTF) held a meeting under the chairmanship of its President S. Parveen Singh at Kathua and highlighted the burning demands of the teaching community. The Forum demands - Issue of the time bound promotion list of all masters, removal of pay anomalies in favour of master grade. DPC of teachers to masters which has not been issued since 2016, regularisation of in-

charge teachers who were promoted in 2018 from lab assistant, provide MTS in High School, adjustment in hometown those who are serving far flung areas.

While addressing the meeting, Parveen Singh expressed concern over the delay in the issuance of a time bound list of masters which have been submitted through respective CEO's in the month of July. He further appealed for the suitable adjustment of the employees on priority basis for

those who have applied on medical grounds. Jadih Chander district President said that nothing has been done for the regularisation of in-charge teachers who were promoted from lab assistant in 2018. He appealed to the education authority for redressal of all genuine demands of the teachers. Those who attended the meeting were Tara Mani, Sanjay Sehgal, Iqbal Singh, Jagdish Kumar, Kali Dass, Mohan Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Angrez Singh and others.

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ANANTNAG: The five day long multimedia exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at Anantnag concluded.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Basharat Qayoom presided over the concluding ceremony organised at Sports Stadium in Anantnag.

Dr. Basharat congratulated CBC for the successful organisation of the mass awareness programme. Addressing a gathering of officials, doctors, ASHA workers, teachers, students and eminent citizens, he said that the exhibition served two fold purpose of informing people about the unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle as well as spreading awareness about various public welfare schemes of the government. He added that the information provided during the program needs to trickle down to grassroots level through word of mouth. He impressed upon people to ensure the success of campaigns like Nasha Mukt Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission and SVEEP.



An official speaking during the programme at Anantnag.

He appealed to all the unregistered eligible individuals to register as voters.

Gulam Abass, Joint Director, CBC J&K and Ladakh region in his opening remarks thanked the district administration Anantnag and all the stakeholders for coordination in the successful organisation of the multimedia exhibition. He appreciated the enthusiasm of the people who braved rains and cold weather to participate in the awareness programme on all days. He said awareness among people and their participation is vital to ensure benefits reach the intended target population.

The concluding day of the exhibi-

tion was dedicated for awareness about programmes being implemented by the health department. Experts from the department gave presentations on schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Nasha Mukt Bharat, Anemia Mukt Bharat, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakarm, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram, role of ASHA workers and other relevant schemes of the government in health sector.

Chief Medical Officer, Anantnag Dr. M.Y. Zagoo appealed to the people to register for Ayushman Bharat - Sehat card. He asked parents to be vigilant and look out for symptoms and behaviours typical of drug

addiction, to save the youth from the menace. He said community participation is key for the success of the Nasha Mukt Bharat campaign.

Various nodal departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, Education and ICDS used the platform over the five day period for public awareness and showcasing their achievements. Seminars on National Education Policy-2020 and POSHAN Abhiyan were also organised, respectively, on the 3rd and 4th day of the exhibition. The participating nodal departments were felicitated during the closing ceremony.

On the concluding day students and registered cultural parties also spread the message of peace, communal harmony and national integration through their performances.

Field Publicity Officer, CBC, Shahid Mohammad Lone informed that similar outreach programs will be organised by the Bureau in Pulpwama, Budgam, Srinagar, Ganderbal and Kupwara districts of Jammu and Kashmir in the coming months.

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## Dr Nandini from Kerala featured in Manthan organised by GLDM GDC Hiranagar

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HIRANGAR: Department of Music Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar organised 27thonline lecture series of Manthan. Manthan is an online lecture series on the subject of music spanning from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari. The lecture series began from the month of June 2022 and is held every Saturday of every week. The lectures are organised under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav @75.

The Topic of today's lecture was Varnams - Journey from Abhyasa gaanam to Sabha Gaanam. The resource person for the lecture was Dr. N J Nandini from Kerala and the position of the Chief Guest was

occupied by Dr. Pragya Khanna, the Principal of the College. Dr. Pragya Khanna in her address highly appreciated the idea of the series of lectures pertaining to the subject of music every week.

The resource person for the lecture Dr N J Nandini is an A grade artist of All India Radio and well known Carnatic musician of South India. She has performed in many prestigious festivals in India and abroad. She has received many titles and awards. She in his lecture explained in detail about the importance of Varnams in Carnatic music. She also explained the basic techniques of practice in Carnatic music.

The programme began with a welcome address presented by Dr. Arun Kumar Head, Department of Sociology of the college. Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Head Department of Music on the occasion of completion of 27th lecture of Manthan, he thanked all the resource persons of the series who had already given the lectures in the formal vote of thanks. He also said that after the completion of the series a compiled book of all the proceedings and articles from all the lectures will be published. The work and initiative would be a contribution to the knowledge and lit-

erature in the field of music which would further strengthen the institution at large. The project is encouraged and inspired by the worthy Principal of the college Dr. Pragya Khanna.

The webinar was attended by the students, teachers and music lovers from across the nation. Many participants discussed and shared their views about the series.

Those who attended the lecture were Prof. Lokesh Joshi from Punjab, Dr. Sanjay Kalotra and Prof. Yash Kumar from GCWUDhampur College, Dr. Nishtha Sharma from Govt. MAM College, Jammu, Prof. Sujat Khan, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Davinder Kour, Prof. Manjot Singh, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Dr. Anil Dogra, Prof. Nidhi, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan, Dr. Usha Rani, Dr. Jyoti Rani, Dr. Arun Kumar, Prof. Vikram Jamwal, Dr. Mukesh Kumar and Dr. Ravinder Singh from Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar. At the end of the lecture Dr. Bharat Bhushan presented the formal vote of thanks. The programme was organised together with Department of Sociology and the Department of Physical Education and Sports in consultation and support of Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of the college.

## DDC member starts blacktopping work of roads

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and Member District Development Council Jammu Suresh Sharma on Sunday started the work of blacktopping on the roads of Targah village of Balgara Panchayat and Jagwal village of Maira Mandain Panchayat of Chhamb Assembly Constituency keeping in view these pending demands of the people. Addressing the people, Suresh Sharma said that earlier we have done the work of Black toping on

## Shrine Board Employee Union celebrates Foundation Day



Members of Employee Union during the celebrations.

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KATRA: Shrine Board Employees Union celebrated its 32nd foundation day with pomp in the court of Mata in which hundreds of workers from different places including union head Raj Kumar, General Sector Parshotam Singh, deputy head Subhash, Premnath participated.

Parshotam Singh told that the union was established in 1990, from the

foundation day till 2004, the dictatorial officers of the board fired the workers who raised their voice, many workers were transferred outside the state.

After that, under the leadership of Rajumar, and Parshotam Singh took over the reins of the union from 2008, since then till 2022, the union has resolved many pending demands of the staff by protesting against the pending issue of the staff,

giving employment to any B union member.

Did not allow to be removed from union of staff

A resolution was passed regarding 17 point demands, the union

Memorandum has been submitted many times regarding these demands, yet the problems have not been resolved, the union once again demands that these problems should be resolved immediately.

## Army interacts with veterans

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SUNDERBANI: An interaction was organised by the Indian Army with Veterans at Sunderbani, Rajouri as a pre cursor to the Veterans' Day, 14 Jan 23. Issues concerning medical facilities, pensions and personal documentation were discussed during the interaction. The attendees were also informed about latest government policies concerning their welfare and options available for a second career based on age and qualifications. Such meetings are held regularly at different locations, to maintain contact with Veterans and address their personal or societal grievances. The attendees lauded the efforts made by the Indian Army in assisting the local populace and working in the interest of peace and prosperity in the region.

2030, which would integrate modern and traditional systems of medicine like allopathy, homoeopathy and Ayurveda in medical practice, education and research.

Principal, GAMC, Jammu emphasized to adopt Ayurveda not only for treatment but also for prevention of disease process, so that the burden of disease in the Society can be decreased.

She said that a similar event will be organized in the coming time at Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor in collaboration with all the Ayurvedic Institutes of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

and resemblance with preamble of Indian Constitution, fundamental rights and duties, and how ordinary citizens can safeguard one another's rights by discharging their duties with utmost sincerity and responsibility.

The lecture was followed by Panel discussion and interactive session under the chairmanship of Prof. Javed Mughal wherein panelists deliberated upon the promotion and protection of human rights while starting from their students. Panelists included Prof. Ghulam Abas, Prof. Asad Ullah Khan, Prof. Iqbal Raina, Dr. Mohd Sajid, Dr. Saleem Wani, Dr. Mohd Jameel, Prof. Asif Ajeez Lone, Dr. Mohd Shakeel, Dr. Mohd Akhlaq, Dr. Nawaz Ahmed, Prof. Amjad Khan Bhatti and Prof. Khalid Bhatti. Besides imparting quality

education, they raised the concerns about supporting students who face extreme difficulties to pursue their studies because of financial constraints. Some came forward with offering direct financial support to students by individual contributions, others asked for helping the deserving students out of the Red Cross funds in college. Taking the Government financial schemes and scholarships to the target end (students) by awareness can be a great contribution towards eradication of hunger and poverty from the country, and an attribute to Human Rights and values, was the other key concern discussed. Dr. Saleem Wani conducted the proceedings of the programme whereas Dr. Khaliq Malik, HoD, Philosophy and Dr. Atiya Saeed, member RDC, presented the formal vote of thanks.

tender process has been completed,

Apart from this Suresh Sharma said that, in the coming days it will be our endeavour to ensure that all the roads in the area are paved. So that people can be provided convenience in coming and going.

From this, Suresh Sharma said that many welfare schemes are currently being run across the country by the central government, is also focusing on Jammu and Kashmir, whose people were present.

are getting full benefits. Suresh Sharma said that our efforts are going on day and night for the betterment and progress of the area so that people can get all the basic facilities. On this occasion BDC Maira Mandain Sushma Devi, AE Som Raj, JE Rakesh Kumar, Panch Nitesh Kumar, Mandal Seet, Sukhdev Raj, Sub. Vijay Kumar, Sundar Dass Krishan Dutt, Satpal, Hemraj, Balwant Singh, Sobha Ram, Ravi Kumar were present.

## JU's Kathua Campus organises extension outreach programme on gender sensitization & career counselling

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KATHUA: As a part of diverse extension outreach programmes Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized an activity on Gender Sensitization and Career Counselling at Village Kathera in order to facilitate women to make better career choices. More than 50 students from MCA, MBA and UIET of Kathua Campus, University of Jammu participated in the said activity. The students initiated with door-to-door campaign in village Kathera followed by community participation where people from all over the Panchayat Kathera flocked together to attend the awareness programme. The awareness programme was attended by more than 100 people from Panchayat Kathera who were thrilled by the performance of the students of Kathua Campus, University of Jammu in the form of a Nukkad Natak.

The Special Guests from Panchayat Kathera who attended the programme were Meenakshi Rajput (Panchayat, Panchayat Kathera), Pritam Singh (Panchayat, Ward No. 4, Fafal), Bashir Ahmed (Panchayat, Ward No. 3, Fafal), Jogi Raj (Panchayat, Ward No. 6, Kumri), Santosh Kumari (Panchayat, Ward No. 5, Kumri), Trishla Devi (Panchayat, Ward No. 2, Kathera) and Mohinder Singh (Panchayat, Sangam).

The speakers were Dr. Deep Novel (Tehsildar, Consolidation, Jammu), Pardeep Sharma (Assistant Agriculture Chemist, Pesticide Testing Laboratory, Krishi, Bhawan Jammu), Surbhi Sharma (Lecturer, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Marheen, Kathua), Dr. Preeti Rajput (Statistical Assistant, Govt. Medical College, Kathua) and Sh. Ganesh Dutt (Retd. Zonal Education Officer, Kathua). During the activity, emphasis was laid on the ways to augment the role of women in particular and men in general along with the potential of agricultural products to be considered for forthcoming GI Tags, Self Help Groups (SHGs) for women for progressive development in the region and the need to initiate with the diminutive efforts by the women of all ages in the region so that the region can usher in the era of development.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector Kathua Campus, University of Jammu in her message declared the adoption of village Kathera by Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, to mark which, atleast one awareness/social activity per month shall be organized for the welfare of the people of this village at the grassroot level. She further highlighted the initiative of outreach activities by the campus with effect from December 1st when maiden

outreach activity on Cleanliness Drive Trek at Sunderbani Kot was organised. She reiterated that Kathua Campus shall contribute tirelessly for the societal development in future too to promote best practices and scientific acumen among the masses by means of door-to-door campaign and community participation. Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Incharge Head, Computer Science and Convener, Sports Committee, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu welcomed the special guests and esteemed speakers and coordinated the whole activity. He apprised the participants regarding the relevance of such awareness programmes for the welfare of the society.

Ritika Goyal delivered vote of thanks. Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Zahra Ansari and other faculty members of Kathua Campus were also present during the programme.

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