

Congress epitome of sacrifice & selfless service: Wani

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BANIHAL: JKPCC on Sunday organized public meeting at Shangaldan in Banihal Constituency which was addressed by JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Ex MLA Ashok Dogra, Asif Naequeb, Intiaz Ahmed Khanday and others.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Bashir Ahmed Bhat, Mohd Syeed Dar Block President, Zahir Hussain Block President, Tosha Singh, Arfan Bhat, Khaliq Ex Sarpanch, Mushaq Ahmed, Shamer Din Wani, Zahir Hussain Ch. Mohd. Amin Kanchra, Nazir Ahmed, Firoz Khan, Mohd. Handed, Puran Singh, Ghulam Mohd, Ch Mustaq Rather beside others.

JKPCC Chief addressing a gathering said that workers of Congress are epitome of sacrifice and selfless service who have withstood all challenges and proven their loyalty towards people, party and its leadership," he said. The party's objective has never been power but dignity and development of the state and people, adding that "There have been conspiracies against us in the past and it still is



JKPCC leaders Vikar Rasool Wani, Ramna Bhalla and others during convention.

continuing as political parties are being created in every nook and corner of the erstwhile State to divide us.

Wani further said that "Congress is the only party with credible footprints in all 90 Assembly constituencies of the state". Taking a dig at political soothsayers, he said those patting their backs over standing in the state's political sphere and claiming to form next government in J&K will not find enough candidates to field from all constituencies. Launching a scathing attack on the BJP, Wani said the saffron party stands exposed for self-centered agenda as all its acts are guided by "brazen biases and short sighted politics". Wani said the BJP's manoeuvres

in Jammu and Kashmir have left people in lurch and said "nothing is going to bail them out as the people have made a point to punish them through their votes."

"BJP stands discredited and isolated for its myopic politics. They stand exposed for their duplicity, deception and self-centered agenda, which has taken a heavy toll on the people's lives," he said. Wani said "all their acts are guided by brazen biases and short sighted politics. None of their acts are aimed at solving people's issues. So far they have only deepened the issues faced by people, the people of Chenab valley (comprising Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts) have particularly been left to

God's mercy." "In reality, the far-flung areas of Jammu region have totally been ignored. BJP does not think beyond self-interests. Having diminished their deposit with the people, the BJP is now trying to conquer the region through back doors by gerrymandering constituencies and bringing outside voters. All they want is to capture the power," Wani said.

Exhorting the people, particularly youth, to register as voters, Wani said, "this time we will be voting for the future of our younger generation. This time it is about protecting our culture, our unique identity and our individuality. There is no scope for complacency.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla asked the functionaries to shoulder critical responsibilities in the party's fight for the protection of J&K's unique cultural and political identity. He however said functionaries have braved all hardships and rallied around the party flag during the worst of times. Sacrifices made by our party leaders occupy the foremost place in our hearts. They fought with true spirit and undaunted courage and faced various tortures, exploitations and hardships to earn us freedom with dignity," he said.

SSP Poonch holds crime review meeting

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POONCH: Senior superintendent of Police Rohit Baskotra chaired a crime review meeting in conference hall of DPO Poonch on Sunday. DYSP hqrs Poonch, SDPO Mendhar, DySP Surankote, DySP Ops Poonch, all SHOS of district including ICPPs and heads of DPO branches attended the meeting.

During the meeting, under investigation cases and inquest proceedings were discussed with the concerned supervisory officers, SHOs and ICPPs and directions were imparted upon them for early disposal of crime. Moreover NDPS, UAPA and theft cases were discussed in detail and focus was put on professional investigation in these heinous nature cases. Territorial officers/ SHOs concerned were also directed to make all out efforts in tracing out of



SSP Rohit Baskotra chairing a meeting at Poonch.

missing persons, apprehending absconders and keeping close vigil over activities of bad characters, history sheeters, smugglers etc. Further the concerned were also directed to keep healthy relations with the public to gain their confidence and attend each such issue which has a bearing on law and order front.

Keeping in view the security scenario SSP Poonch also briefed the officers present over there to keep themselves in close coordination of

other sister agencies and be watch full over the activities of anti national and anti social elements. Moreover stressed was also given on actions against illegal mining, visible traffic violation, bovine smuggling and drug peddlers. Lastly concerned territorial officers were asked to put forth points of welfare measures for jawans.

Family Adoption Program initiated at GMC Doda

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DODA: As per norms of National Medical Commission, Family Adoption Program was initiated for the first time in Government Medical College Doda from December 17. The flagship Programme has been undertaken by Department of Community Medicine.

Family adoption program aims to provide an experiential learning opportunity to Indian Medical graduates towards community-based health care and thereby enhance equity in health.

The Objectives of the Program is to Orient the learner towards primary healthcare, create health related awareness within the community, to function as a first point of contact for any health issues within the community and allotted family, generate and analyze related data for improving health outcomes and Evidence based clinical practices and understanding long-term follow up of chronic morbidity and prevention and control of such diseases in allotted family.

GDC Poonch organises workshop on poultry breeding & rearing techniques

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POONCH: Department of zoology in collaboration with Career Counseling cell SKC Govt. Degree College Poonch organised a day long awareness programme at village Dingla Poonch where Dr M. Ismahil retired Dy. Director and Chief Animal Husbandry trained students about various poultry breeding and rearing techniques.



Students being educated on rearing techniques.

guided the students under the overall supervision of Principal Dr. Jasbir Singh. Such workshop are conducted under career enhancement Schemes of India Govt. of India, an effort to Skill enhancement and orientation of youth.

Dr M. Ismahil introduced students with various Poultry breeds being reared in the Poultry farm. From food, feeding to modern hatching and breeding techniques were introduced to the students.

Winners of Zonal-level Kala Utsav 2022, Talent Hunt-II, mentor Teachers felicitated

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UDHAMPUR: To encourage students towards co-curricular activities, a Zonal Level Prize Distribution function was held here in the premises of GHS Deot. The program was organised by the Education department under the Guidance of Chief Education Officer Udhampur Arvin Kumar Koul and Supervision of ZEO Babey.

On the occasion Zonal Education officer Babey Pucher Ram was the Chief Guest, while Amar Paul, Vice-Principal GHSS KHOON & Sutinder Gupta, Sr. Lect. GHSS THIAL were the Guest of Honour.

Keynote address was presented by Hushiar Singh ZICC Babey & Proceedings of the program was conducted by Parveen Singh Teacher GMS UPPER SUNDLA. In his address ZEO BABEY motivated the teachers to encourage students towards



Officials along with winners during the event.

cultural activities. He also appreciated the tireless efforts of all the members of the Educational and Cultural cell of the Zone and congratulated winners of Kala Utsav & Talent Hunt-II at Zonal level.

The Vice-Principal GHSS Khoon Amar Paul, in his address, also encouraged the students to take part in cultural activities.

A colourful cultural program was also presented by the students.

The Winners of Kala Utsav & Talent Hunt-II who got

certificate of appreciation were Kamal Singh class IX, Udhey Ganesh Singh, Prity Devi all students of GHSS Babey; Ashu Devi Class IX, Menakshi Devi Class IX, Parshotum Kumar Class X, Radikha Devi Class IX all students of GHS SUNDLA; Chaman Singh & Usha Devi both students of Garh Samnabanj; Shakshi Sharma & Vishali Sharma both students of GGHS THIAL; Shivani Devi, Shivali Devi & Akshar Thakur all students of GHS DEOT; Anjali Sharma, Gopal, Meenakshi

Sharma, & Priya Rajput all students of GHSS THIAL; Vikram Verma, Vishali, Simrithi Sharma all students of GHSS Khoon.

Along with Winners in kala utsav & Talent Hunt-II at Zonal level mentor Teachers were also presented certificates of appreciation. Sutinder Gupta Lect. GHSS Thial, Amar pal Lect. Ghss khoon, Anant Ram master GHSS KHOON, Shashi kiran Tr. GHSS THIAL, Eisha Gupta Tr. GHS DEOT, Seema Rani Tr. GHS SUNDLA, Nitika Sharma

Preparedness for revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll reviewed at Udhampur



Admn officials during the meeting at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: District Panchayat Election Officer Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna on Sunday discussed the rollout of Summary Revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll 2023, here at a meeting held in Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The meeting was convened by Deputy Election Officer Udhampur, Gurdev Kumar.

During the meeting, it was informed that J&K State Election Commission (Election Authority) has decided to undertake the revision of the existing Panchayat Electoral Roll in terms of the powers vested with the Election Authority under Section 38 of J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989.

The Roll shall be revised with respect to January 1, 2023 as qualifying date.

As per schedule, six Special Camps shall be

organized at all the polling station locations across the District.

It was decided in the meeting that all the

KVK Reasi promotes lemon grass cultivation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of S h e r - e - K a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on lemon grass farming and many new farmers are showing keen interest for the adoption of its farming.

According to Sr. Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, Reasi distt. of J&K has an immense potential in lemongrass farming as some areas of the distt. are heavily infested with the monkey menace and this crop is not damaged by the monkeys. He narrated that KVK, Reasi is making efforts to minimize the effect of monkey menace in the area by imparting the skill on lemongrass farming and encouraging the farmers for the value addition in its oil. He said that farmers can generate more income and employment by the cultivation of lemongrass. He informed that lemon grass contains number of medicinal and

aromatic properties such as carminative and insect repellent, perfumes, cosmetics, herbal teas and non-alcoholic beverages. He said that it can also be used as an antioxidant and its oil has strong lemon-like fragrance, due to high percentage of citral in its oil.

He added that its commercialization can open some new avenues of income and employment in the distt. He said that under rain fed conditions; this crop can be harvested for three times in a year and informed that steam distillation is used to extract the oil from the leaves of lemongrass which is rampantly used in soap, cosmetics, medicines and insecticides. He stressed on the cluster based approach and Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) for the more returns. He said that by the value addition in lemongrass farmers can get more benefits. He narrated that lemongrass can transform the lives of the farmers of monkeys affected areas of the distt.

Youth has right to demand employment: Bhardwaj

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ARNIA: Senior Advocate and President Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHC-BA), Mohinder Bhardwaj has said that the youth has every right to demand gainful employment avenues from the government irrespective of the qualification they possess. The government is duty bound to create such avenues both in the official and private enterprises,

so that the youth could start earning their livelihood well in time to have a settled life ahead.

Inaugurating Maha Lakshmi Automobiles Showroom at village Karyal, Khurd (Arnia Road) at an impressive and well attended function here today, which is the enterprise of a young entrepreneurs Nikhil Lalotra and Akarshan Lalotra, he said that the youth must come forward to start such private enterprises and start-ups.

However, it is not possible without the government providing relevant facilities such as availability of easy loans, training and other like traits to the desirous youth. "The youth have an equal right to demand government employment and the latter is duty bound to create vacancies and fill the same in a time-bound manner," he said adding "Despite tall promises made by the government and the state administration, neither the government posts are being filled up in a regular and regulated manner nor congenial conditions are being created to encourage the youth to undertake their own enterprises. As a result the unemployed youth are losing precious time and becoming impatient. The

governments must come out with concrete plans in this connection for the youth of the sensitive and strategic Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

Bhardwaj expressed concern that despite repeated assurances by the government hardly any recruitment for the youth living in the border areas has been provided. The vacancies in the central para military forces, state police and other such government organisations should be created for the border youth as also those in the other areas of the UT and filled up in a time bound manner; he said.

Referring to the new enterprise started by a border youth in this town, he said that it is laudable that despite lack of

encouragement from the government, the youth are showing courage to begin personal ventures. Others should follow such examples but that does not mean that the government should abdicate its duties towards the unemployed youth, he added.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Sh. Ashok Dubey, Sh. Kamal Singh Charak, Sarpanch Rattnal, Sh. Surinder Mohan, Sarpanch Karyal Khurd, Sh. Sagar Singh, Panch, Sh. Diwakar Singh Jamwal, Sh. Yadu Pratap Singh, Sh. Vishu Janwal, Sh. Sunny Janwal, Sh. Digesh Singh Janwal, Sh. Kulwant Choudhary, Sh. Krishan Lal and many other prominent persons and farmers of the said area.

Preparations for Bharat Jodo in full swing: Uday Bhanu



President JKPVC Uday Bhanu Chib along with party workers after a meeting at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: President JKPVC Uday Bhanu Chib, on Sunday, accompanied by IYC Secretary InCharge Jammu Kashmir Navneet Kaur and Anirudh Sawhney Secretary PYC InCharge Media Coordinator, held a preparatory meeting with District Youth Congress Udhampur to review preparations for the upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra. Ex-MLA and DCC President Krishan Lal Bhagat was present at the meeting. DYC President Navneet Thakur and DYC Working President Abhay Sindhu, and AYV Assembly President Udhampur attended the meeting. The Youth Congress leaders deliberated upon the planning and implementation for the smooth conduct of the yatra. The PYC leaders also interacted with local members to discuss the preparations. The Bharat Jodo Yatra of Sh. Rahul

Gandhi will be entering Jammu Kashmir some time in January. Speaking during the meeting, PYC President Uday Bhanu Chib hailed the Bharat Jodo Yatra as a historic movement and said that people of Jammu are eager for their welcome. He said that preparations are going well for the Yatra and it is being ensured that the Yatra will sail smoothly when it comes to the region. The padyatra is a foot march undertaken to unite people from across the nation and it is extremely important for Jammu Kashmir which has been singled out and ignored by the BJP government. He further said that through his interactions with the local residents while on tour, he found that people are extremely eagerly waiting for the yatra. Preparations are in full swing in Rajasthan for Rahul Gandhi Ji's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which will traverse through these areas, he stated.

Bharat Jodo biggest ever Jan Andolan: Ravinder

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SUNDERBANI: Terming Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi as biggest ever as Jan Andolan in the country post independence, JKPCC Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has said that non violent satyagrah- Jan Andolan is the only way out to fight against the repressive policies of the authoritarian rule of BJP.

Former MLC Ravinder Sharma said this while addressing a preparatory meeting here today in connection with upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Ravinder Sharma said that congress would launch series of Jan Andolans over various problems faced by the common and poor people especially farmers in J & K, who are being deprived of their lands illegally in violation of the rights accrued to them for continuous possessions.

Urging the party workers and people and members of civil society to join Bharat jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi ji in large numbers, Mr Sharma said that as part of Yatra another phase of Yatra shall be undertaken in each area and constituency levels to highlight the local problems apart from record unemployment and jobs scams and unprecedented price hike.

He said that the Rahul Gandhi led Yatra has received tremendous response all over and the biggest ever rousing reception awaits him in J&K. It has



JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma chairing workers meeting.

given voice and strength to the crores of people in the country about their respective issues.

A large number of party workers took pledge to whole heartedly support and join the Yatra in large numbers to highlight issues of people.

Block presidents N C Sharma, Teerth Ram, Ajit Singh, Yog Raj, Ashok Sharma, Raj Kumar, Chuni Lal, Sub Kashmir Singh, Om Parkash, Govnd Sudan, (YC), Vishav Sharma, Ashwani Sharma, Jagdish, Romesh Lal, Sham Lal, khem Raj and others attended.

Later a procession was taken out in bus stand area against new old age pension formalities & land policies of the LG administration, snatching state and custodian land from farmers.

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