

# Jugal lays foundation stone of Bridge over Jambhir Nallah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Member of Parliament Jammu Poonch constituency Jugal Kishore, along with the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Saturday laid the foundation stone of the much-awaited bridge over Jambhir Nallah in Rajpur-Qilla Darhal Panchayat. This significant development is set to bring immense relief and convenience to the residents of the area.

The construction of the bridge, which will extend over a length of 60 meters, will be executed by the Border Roads Organisation. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 5.07 crores, reflecting the commitment of the gov-



MP Jugal Kishore laying foundation stone of Bridge over Jambhir Nallah at Rajpur-Qilla Darhal Panchayat.

ernment to invest in crucial infrastructure projects that benefit the local communities.

During the event, Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore interacted with the local residents and congratulated

them on this significant milestone. He emphasized the positive impact that the bridge will have on the daily lives of the people, facilitating smoother transportation and connectivity to various parts of the region. The con-

struction of the bridge is expected to reduce travel time and enhance accessibility, promoting economic growth and social development.

The Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal also highlighted the importance of this bridge in enhancing connectivity and improving the overall quality of life for the residents of Rajpur-Qilla Darhal Panchayat.

The construction of the bridge over Jambhir Nalla is part of the larger vision of the Government to develop and upgrade infrastructure across the country. This ambitious undertaking demonstrates the dedication of the Government to fulfill-

ing the aspirations and needs of the people.

The government remains committed to the holistic development of the region, and the construction of the bridge over Jambhir Nalla stands as a testament to this commitment. It is a significant step towards fostering inclusive growth, transforming the lives of the residents, and ushering in a new era of progress.

The foundation stone-laying ceremony was attended by DDC Member Seri, Sangeeta Sharma; DDC Member Nowshera, Manohar Singh; BDC Qila Darhal, Khalid Firdoz; AC Defence, Saleem Quershie and OC BRO 58 RCC, Ankit Uniyal.

# Training programme for Investigators on ‘Safety of Women’ concludes at SKPA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Five days training programme for Investigators on "Safety of Women" sponsored by BPR&D New Delhi which commenced on 28th November 2023 at S.K. Police Academy concluded on Saturday. Twenty one Police Officers of the rank of ASI to Inspector which include 02 female officers attended the training programme.

The course was designed to accommodate investigation skills and knowledge of latest provisions of law



A participant receiving certificate.

including POCSO, JJ Act, IT Act, etc. To achieve the objective of the training

programme, experienced guest speakers including Dr. Kavita Suri, Director,

Department of lifelong learning University of Jammu, Rajeshwar Basotra, CPO, DPO, Udhampur, Meena Kumari, Central Administrator, OSC Udhampur, Inspector Vikas Dogra, Cyber Police Station Jammu, and faculty of SKPA shared their wide range of knowledge with the participants on different topics.

Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP Dy. Director (Indoor / Trgs) SKPA was Chief Guest on the occasion of valediction of the course.

In his valedictory address, he advised the participants to be sensitive towards women victims and adopting guidelines for the purpose laid from time to time. He further said that the main objective of the course is to enhance the capacity of the investigating officers especially in women related cases. The valediction was also attended faculty of SKPA

The course was coordinated by Shri Tilak Raj, Inspector assisted ASI Sohan Lal.

# ARTO Reasi asks operators to install fare meter, avoid over loading

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: In a proactive initiative, ARTO Reasi, Tara Mani, spearheaded a comprehensive enforcement drive through Katra town & Moori, adhering to the directives of District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan. The operation, aimed at upholding the Motor Vehicles Act and fostering safer road practices, inspected 165 vehicles, exposing multiple violations. The enforcement team took decisive action against 81 vehicles, issuing challans and collecting Rs. 67,500 in cash from compounded penalties.

Underlining the commitment to traffic regulations and safety, drivers received education on safe practices, emphasizing seat belt usage, vehicle fitness, dangers of mobile phone use, speed limit adherence, and overall compliance with traffic laws. Simultaneously, ARTO Reasi issued a stern warning specifically to auto-rickshaw drivers, addressing the misuse of fare meters. This directive highlights the importance of regulatory compliance in the auto-rickshaw sector; aligning with the commitment to passenger rights and fair practices. Auto drivers were explicitly cautioned that failure to adhere to fare meter regulations could lead to immediate license suspension and vehicle seizure. This stringent warning forms part of ongoing efforts to ensure fair and transparent practices in the transportation sector, prioritizing passenger safety and satisfaction.



# Kathua Admn bids adieu to outgoing CPO Uttam Singh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The District Administration Kathua bid adieu to the outgoing Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Uttam Singh who has been transferred to Jammu District.

An impressive farewell function was held in the conference hall of the DC office complex wherein the officers and staff formally bid farewell to the outgoing CPO Kathua.

The Ceremony was attended by DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, ADDC Kathua Ankur Mahajan, DC State Taxes Ranjeet Singh, PO ICDS Basharat Hussain, ADC Kathua Ranjeet Singh, ADC



Officials according farewell to outgoing CPO Uttam Singh.

Billawar Vinay Khosla, RTO Kathua Sunil Kumar and other senior officers of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua appreciated the outgoing CPO Kathua Uttam Singh for showing utmost dedication towards his duties which he said was

# SSP Traffic Rural Jammu for effective regulation, adherence to SOPs



SSP Traffic Rural Jammu, Vinay Kumar along with other officers after the meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: SSP Traffic Rural Jammu, Vinay Kumar on Saturday chaired a meeting cum darbar of traffic police here in Dakbanglow Poonch after the successful culmination of visit of Lt. Governor of JKUT.

At the outset of darbar/meeting, SSP traffic appreciated all officers and officials of traffic for smooth and hassle free conduct of VVIP visit in Poonch. He also listened and addressed the concerns of traffic personnel regarding the day to day duty. He stressed on maintaining discipline and the right code of conduct of traffic officials when on duty.

During the briefing, he insisted that all officers and officials should wear proper and clean uniform and behave with people politely. He also briefed the enforce-

ment officers about quality challaning for violations including overloading, over-speeding, triple riding, riding without helmet, particularly in the hilly areas to avert any accident. He also stressed to take strong action against drivers of Buses and minibuses who carry passengers more than permissible seating capacity.

All challaning officers were also told to wear body cameras and utilize full technology meant for traffic challaning and regulations. After passing necessary directions he listened to the grievances of officers and jawans about the welfare issues. Some of the issues were resolved on the spot and some were noted for their redressal at office level.

DTI Poonch highlighted the need for a Hill Crane for Poonch district.

Among the others, the meeting was attended by Nawaz Ahmed Chouhan, DYSP traffic Rajouri-Poonch, Ins. Iqbal Choudhary DTI Rajouri, Ins.Showkat Amin DTI Poonch, SI Younis Khan SOT Surankote, SI Mohammad Arif SOT Thana Mandi, Asst Mohammad Hamid SOT Poonch, ASI Riaz Mehra SOT Mendhar, ASI Vinay Kumar SOT Mandi, ASI Gafoor Ahmed Regulation Surankote, Asst Mohd Azad regulation Surankote, ASI Ibrahim regulation Mandi, ASI Mohammad Zubair Regulation Poonch, ASI Amir Sing regulation Poonch, ASI Hardev Kumar regulation Poonch and ASI Bashir Ahmed Regulation Mugal road. The meeting/cum darbar ended with a vote of thanks by DYSP traffic Rajouri Poonch.

# DDC Reasi terminates TA for poor performance

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Vishesh Mahajan conducted a comprehensive review of Rural Development Department (RDD) projects in Reasi District.

The focus was on different initiatives funded through the capex budget, PRI, BDC, DDC grants, and schemes like PMAY and AWAS Plus.

During the review, focus was laid on the progress achieved in tendering and allotment processes.

Strict directives were issued to Block Development



DDC Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting at Reasi.

Officers (BDOs) and the Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Wing (XENREW), to ensure timely project execution. In response to incomplete work, a decision was made to

blacklist contractors failing to meet deadlines. To enhance transparency, an online meeting with contractors was arranged by the Assistant Development Commissioner Reasi, focus-

ing on detailed project progress assessment on the ground level.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgency of achieving 100% Aadhar seeding under MGNREGA

for sustainable livelihood opportunities.

In a decisive move, DDC Mahajan terminated Technical Assistant Sahil Singh under MGNREGA, Block Arnas, owing to his persistent non-performance after thorough evaluation.

The meeting included the presence of ADDC Jyoti Slathia; Joint Director Planning, Sunita Kanchan; ACD Anirudh Rai; BDOs, and other concerned officers, highlighting a collaborative effort towards effective governance and project implementation in Reasi District.

# DC Samba visits Block Purmandal to assess developmental activities



DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma inspecting developmental works at Block Purmandal.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma visited Block Purmandal to review the progress of work on development projects being executed in the area.

During his visit, Sharma inspected many government offices and assessed their functioning besides checking their progress. He visited the Primary Health Centre Uttarbhelni and Purmandal to assess the quality of health facilities being provided to the citizens. He also reviewed the ongoing projects of the Public Works Department. Besides

this, the DC inspected the under-construction building of Government Degree College Purmandal and directed the Principal to shift from the make-shift premises to the new building as soon as possible.

Sharma emphasized the importance of punctuality and dedication while serving patients during his review of the working of PHC Purmandal and Uttarbhelni. He directed Executive Engineer Public Works Department to initiate projects under the religious circuit scheme at the earliest.

After this, Abhishek Sharma conducted a visit to Gurha

Slathia to inspect the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission in the area.

Several major components are being implemented in Gurha Slathia under the Jal Jeevan Mission, including the redevelopment of Tubewell at Shiv Mandir; construction of Overhead Tank (OHT) at Upper Gurha Slathia, construction of Sump tank, Pump room, and GSR, laying and fitting of Rising Main for the transportation of water from its source to various distribution points within the community. By implementing these crucial components, the Scheme aims to address water scarcity issues and provide a sustainable solution that will benefit the residents of Gurha Slathia in the long run, he stated.

To ensure the timely completion of the Scheme, DC Abhishek Sharma directed the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department to expedite the ongoing work and maintain the highest standards of quality in project execution.

# Maintenance, up-gradation work started on Dhar Road to Shiv temple Khoon Road

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Maintenance and up-gradation work of Dhar road to Shiv Mandir Khoon road has been kick started in Udhampur by PWD dept.

The project is scheduled to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 15.40 lakh. The move aims to improve the road condition and ensure the safety of the people traveling in the area.

Vice Chairperson Juhli Manhas Pathania on Saturday visited the site at Khoon Block and inspected the ongoing work. She also inspected other PWD works, including the main-



VC Juhli Manhas Pathania inaugurating dev works.

tenance of Dhemma-Thial road and the construction of Bhag to Dagodia morh road (cost of Rs 48 lakh). She expressed her satisfaction over the progress of the projects and commended the efforts of the PWD team.

Mrs Pathania called upon the department for timely completion of projects and urged them to take into consideration the grievances raised by the locals. She emphasized the importance of working as per the plan and timeline completion of projects. She added that these maintenance works are crucial in ensuring the safety and conven-

ience of the people traveling in the area.

The maintenance and upgradation work of Dhar road to Shiv Mandir Khoon road will include repairing potholes, improving drainage systems and adding road signs and markings. The project is expected to be completed within the given timeline.

Prominent among those who remained present on the occasion included Romesh Chander Gupta Sarpanch Khoon, Nirmata Bali Naib Sarpanch Khoon, Ved Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Mohan Lal and officials from the department of PWD among others.

# Yuva Vani-awareness programme held at GDC & Block H/Q Paddar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: An awareness program under HADP Yuva Vani was held on Saturday at Government Degree College Paddar and Block H/Q Gulabgarh Paddar to attract college and local youth towards agri-preneurship.

The program was conducted on the direction of Principal Secretary Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, J&K UT, Shailendra Kumar, and guidance of Director Agriculture Jammu, Ram Savak, and District Nodal officer/Chief Agriculture Officer Kishitwar, Amjad Hussain Malik.

Students and local youth evinced keen interest in employment opportunities in the agri-sector.

The program aimed to encourage rural youth to embrace agriculture as a full-time/part-time profession for lucrative returns.

The Participants were encouraged by experts to become job providers instead of job seekers by undertaking projects in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture,

Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, and other allied activities by availing the handholding offered under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The Participants were further informed about Kisan Sathi and Daksh Kisan initiatives. Success story videos of agri-entrepreneurs were shared with the youth.

The entire program was coordinated by Block Nodal Officer, S. Jatinder Singh (SMS Paddar), in the presence of SDAO Paddar Sahil Gandotra, BDO Paddar Sanjeev Kotwal, Principal GDC Paddar Dr. Anwar Shah, Dr. Shiraz Akhtar, along with other college staff.

In his lecture, Ampy Singh AEO enlightened the youth about the benefits of agriculture as a profession. HDO Paddar Neeraj Aryan, VAS Animal Husbandry Dr. Suneel Singh Katoch, AEO Atholi Barinder Singh, AEO Massu Manoj K Sharma, Sunil Kumar Sharma, officers/officials of other departments, besides a large number of students and youths, were present on the occasion.

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