

NC pays tributes to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah

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UDHAMPUR: J&K National Conference, Udhampur Unit, paid tributes to Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his 118th birth anniversary in a function held at Udhampur on Tuesday.

The function was organized under the leadership of Sunil Verma, District President JKNC Udhampur in which Capt Pavitar Singh, General Secretary JKNC Udhampur, S Gurnmeet Singh joshi Vice President, Savitri Devi Women wing President Udhampur, Provincial Vice President and In-charge Udhampur District-Aakash Verma, Ch



NC workers paying tributes to Sheikh Mohd Abdullah.

Abdul Ghani, Chhanna Ram Sethi, Vir Singh, Bishan Dass Sharma, Sham Lal Sharma, Riyaz Ahmed Faqir, Madan Lal and other party workers were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Verma said that throughout his charismatic

political career, Sher-e-Kashmir symbolized the aspirations of Jammu and Kashmir people as no single individual could have even dreamed of doing. "The best tribute to Sher-e-Kashmir will be to strengthen amity among Hindus, Muslims and

Sikhs. He said the slogan of 'Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Itihaad' preached and practiced by Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah is continuously reverberating the valleys, planes and mountains of the State. This is central to the glorious fabric of the state," he said. "Although rooted in Kashmir, he had attained a national standing with his name becoming synonymous in the minds of countrymen with the socialism, humanism, pluralism, and democracy. He was a popular leader and a social reformer who fought for the rights of the oppressed sections of the society, irrespective of caste,

creed or religion and strived for the sustenance of secular and pluralistic values. He nurtured and strengthened this characteristic and cemented the bonds of love between various sections of the society and different regions of J&K and Ladakh," he added. The senior NC leader said "On this day, Let join hands and take pledge to work for strengthening the bonds of unity, integrity, brotherhood, peace, progress, and prosperity of the people of J&K, besides protecting the values of secularism, socialism in order to maintain communal harmony and uphold the democratic, constitutional and legitimate rights."

World Soil Day observed at Doda by Agriculture Department

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DODA: The Department of Agriculture Doda orchestrated a World Soil Day celebration at the Soil Testing Lab on Tuesday.

Assistant Soil Chemist Haroon Hussain led the event and delivered an insightful lecture on the program's importance.

Anil Gupta (CAO DOA) provided overall supervision, and Pawan Talwar, a District level SMS, graced the event as the guest of honor. Among the attendees were farmers and key figures like Touqeer Kafy (Lab Incharge), Wasim Abdullah, Wajahat Hussain, and Liaquat Ali. Their participation highlighted the collaboration between professionals and farmers in promoting awareness about soil health and sustainable agricultural practices, fostering a holistic approach to environmental stewardship.

Viksit Bharat Yatra reaches Doongi & Pangrain Blocks of Rajouri District

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RAJOURI: Viksit Bharat Yatra today reached the Doongi and Pangrain blocks of Rajouri district. The 72-day outreach and awareness campaign, aims to promote government schemes and ensure the saturation of flagship programs, is designed to bring the benefits of these schemes to all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

The people from different panchayats including Tunditrar, Pallulian, Thandikassi, Pangrain Lower-A, Pangrain Lower-B, Pangrain Upper-A, Pangrain Upper-B of block Pangrain and Narian Parli, Sangpur, Sangpur Narian West, Dogani, Chingus, Loorkote, Agrati South, Agrati North and Dhanwan of Doongi block participated with tremendous enthusiasm in the event.

Through this initiative, the

government intends to disseminate crucial information and foster awareness about these schemes, ensuring that no deserving individual or community is left behind.

One of the key aspects of the Yatra is the establishment of direct interaction between the government and beneficiaries. By sharing personal stories and experiences, the program creates a platform for individuals to voice their needs, concerns and aspirations. This two-way communication not only deepens the understanding of the Government of the ground realities but also allows for the identification and enrollment of potential beneficiaries based on the information ascertained during the Yatra.

The Viksit Bharat Yatra places specific focus on a range of schemes aimed at both urban and rural areas. In urban areas, the following schemes have been highlight-

ed: PM Svanidhi, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PM Mudra Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Start-up India/Stand-up India, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana (Urban), SBM (Urban), PM eBus Sewa, AMRUT, PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana, Ujjala Yojana, Subhagya Yojana, Digital Payment Infrastructure, Khelo India, RCS:UDAN, Vande Bharat Trains, and Amrit Bharat Station scheme. In rural areas, the focus is on schemes such as Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, PMGKAY, DAY-NRLM, PM Awas Yojana Rural, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Kisan Samman, PM Vishwakarma, KCC, PM Poshan Abhiyan, JJM, and SVAMITVA.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' stands as a resolute testament to the commitment of the Government to constructing a prosperous and equitable India. By championing gov-

ernment schemes, fostering awareness, and engaging directly with beneficiaries, the Yatra aspires to instigate positive change at the grassroots level, paving the way for an inclusive and developed nation.

As this Yatra unfurls its journey across the nation, it is poised to touch the lives of millions, ensuring their access to essential services, financial assistance, healthcare, housing, and more. The resounding participation of the public with unwavering enthusiasm exemplifies the collective commitment to building a brighter and more prosperous future for all, as envisioned by the Government.

Among the others, Block Development Officer Doongi, Mohd Nawaz; Block Development Officer Pangrain, Sayela Mir; Sarpanches, Panches and public in large numbers attended the event.

SMVDU organises regional Art Workshop



Dignitaries along with resource persons and faculty.

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KATRA: Under the dynamic and proactive initiative of Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, School of Architecture and Landscape Design, SMVDU organized a regional Art Workshop (Boot Art Studio) an experienced art like never before to showcase live artwork by eminent artist K K Gandhi along with painting, sketching and poster making

by the students at School of Architecture and Landscape Design - Studio.

It was a two-day event that was inaugurated by the honorable Vice Chancellor in the presence of Convener Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh and organizing secretary Ar. Abhinay Gupta. During the workshop, there were sessions of interaction with budding artists who were given tips and intricacies of live demonstration through the

live painting on the same subject which was given to the students was "Mist in the Woods".

K K Gandhi also made a live painting on the same subject which was highly appreciated and applauded by everybody and the honorable Vice Chancellor desired to install Gandhi's beautiful artwork in his Office Chamber as a permanent collection.

Massive SVEEP rally taken out in Kishtwar Town

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KISHTWAR: A mega Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) led by Deputy Commissioner/District Election Officer Dr. Devansh Yadav was taken out in the district headquarters of Kishtwar.

The rally witnessed an impressive turnout, with 600 students and aspiring voters from different schools and government institutions, including GDC Kishtwar, Government Polytechnic College Kishtwar, ITI Kishtwar, Government Higher Secondary School for Boys and Girls, alongside several private schools, actively participating.

Key officers, Deputy DEO Kishtwar Naresh Kumar, ACR Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak, DPO

Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal, Tehsildar Kishtwar Muneeb Umar, CEO Kishtwar Prehlad Bhagat, Election NTr Sajjad Khan, SHO Kishtwar Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday, Principals, and staff from educational institutions, in addition to officers and officials from the DC office and District Election Cell Kishtwar, were present and engaged in the rally.

The procession commenced from the Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Kishtwar traversing through the main market, Main Bus Stand, streets of the town, Mini Bus Stand Kishtwar, Hidayal Chowk, and culminated at the Chowgan Ground Kishtwar.

During the rally, the participating students demonstrated commendable aware-

ness efforts about the ongoing Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Roll 2024. They fervently appealed to potential and eligible voters to register themselves as new voters under the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll 2024 before the deadline of 9th December 2023.

During the event, DEO Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, praised the active participation of the attendees, attributing their enthusiasm to the resounding success of the rally. He mentioned that approximately 6000 citizens residing in the township and adjoining areas were sensitized about the ongoing voter registration and data modification exercise in the district.

DDC, SSP Doda inspect arrangements for upcoming JKSSB Exam

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DODA: District Development Commissioner (DM) Doda, Harvinder Singh accompanied by SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the arrangements for the upcoming Panchayat Secretary exam.

They visited examination centers at GMC Ghat, Hussain Paramedical Institute and Nursing Science Ghat, Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalaya Arnora Ghat, and Higher Secondary School Ghat.

During the visit, the DM scrutinized various aspects crucial for the smooth examination process. He conducted thorough examination of seating desks, CCTV installations, bathroom facilities, water and electricity provisions, and



DC Doda Harvinder Singh and SSP Abdul Qayoom during inspection at examination centres.

the setup of examination rooms. The emphasis on these details reflects the commitment to ensuring a conducive and secure environment for the candidates.

To enhance the examination arrangements, the DM had constituted a team involving ADC Doda, Tehsildar Doda, EO MC

Doda, the Principal of GMC, and the Principal of the Institute.

The detailed report compiled by these officials provided insights into the meticulous planning and preparations made to facilitate the upcoming Service Selection Board examination.

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Empowering People: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camps held

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DODA: The flagship Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra campaign reached on Tuesday to numerous panchayats in Doda district with local residents across varied age groups and walks of life responding with overwhelming enthusiasm. The School Students actively participated by delivering speeches on moral values and adding vibrancy through captivating cultural programs.

The lively cultural extravaganza, coupled with the presence of esteemed personalities and community leaders, heightened the enthusiasm among attendees, encouraging active participation in the nation's progress.

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Carom tournament organised as a part of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

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At Batholi Panchayat block Kahara, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra van was received with a warm welcome, and a pledge ceremony regarding the initiative was led by frontline workers and the public. The large gathering of students actively participates in the pledge ceremony. A health checkup camp garnered significant

attention, and members of self-help groups and other beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the government-sponsored schemes. The yatra's enthusiastic reception, coupled with the airing of the Prime Minister's message on a big LED screen, adds fervor to the event.

Similar events and activities were held at Panchayat TANTLI Block Changa, while the activities highlighting government-spon-

sored schemes took center stage. During the event, sports activities and cultural programs, along with government initiatives, are showcased for the public. The big LED-fitted screen van is the main attraction during the event, displaying the message of the honorable Prime Minister of India. At Panchayat Gatha block Bhaderwah, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp is organized at Government Girls High School Nichlla Tharra Bhaderwah, where the van is warmly welcomed by the public. The colorful cultural programs and various sports activities enhance the event's vibrancy. The medical health checkup camp is also conducted during the event, and sports activities organized include carrom board and chess competitions. The Agriculture Department

distributes soil health cards to farmers during the event at Panchayat Gatha.

Events of a similar nature unfold in various other panchayats, where government-sponsored schemes are elucidated by concerned officers and officials. Beneficiaries of different government initiatives attend the events, expressing gratitude for the benefits received. The mission of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra underscores the importance of bringing government schemes closer to communities, igniting a spirit of development. Frontline workers play a pivotal role, actively participating and strengthening the impact of this public outreach. Expressing gratitude, the Nodal Officer commends the participants, emphasizing the significance of the Viksit Bharat pledge.

Gurdeep Saini inaugurates development work



Sarpanch Gurdeep Saini inaugurating developmental work.

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RS PURA: Gurdeep Saini, Sarpanch Panahayat Gandli and General Secretary of All Jammu Kashmir

Panchayat Conference, today inaugurated the development work of construction of a nallah and allied works near CSC Center at Village Chak Nanak, Ward No 5, Panchayat Gandli in RS Pura. The development project is estimated to cost Rs 3 lakhs.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurdeep Saini said that the inauguration of this project marks the fulfillment of a long-pending demand of the people of the village. He also stated that as per his commitment, near 10 development works are expected to be started in this week itself.

The Sarpanch further

emphasized his commitment to ensuring that the people of the Panchayat receive the benefits of all government schemes. He highlighted that many projects have been started in the Panchayat under government schemes in the past, and he will continue to strive for the initiation of more projects in the future.

He expressed his gratitude to the Modi government at the Center for extending the benefits of government schemes to the Panchayat level.

Gurdeep Saini asserted that the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir has experienced unparalleled development during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He passionately appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to extend their unwavering support to Prime Minister Modi's endeavors, ensuring the continued progress and equitable development of their beloved region.

Other dignitaries present at the inauguration ceremony included Chairman Adalati Committee Darshan Singh, Panch Anju Bala, Lambardar Chhor Singh, Vijay Singh, Harjinder Singh, and others.

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KISHTWAR: KVK Kishtwar celebrated World Soil Day at Panchayat Balgran Block Drabshalla under the guidance of Dr SK Gupta Director Extension SKUAST Jammu.

The programme was conducted by Dr NarinderPaul Head KVK Kishtwar in collaboration with Ampy Sigh, Agriculture Extension Officer Zone Binoon Subdivision Paddar. The theme of programme was Soil and water: A Source of life. On the occasion, a farmers' training pro-

gramme on balanced nutrients use and a kissangosthion soil health management were held.

Ampy Singh, AEO Zone Binoon, Ajay Chander JAE, Jwalapur, Ghulam Mohammad Sarpanch Balgran, Karim Baksh Member Panchayat Balgran and more than 50 progressive Farmers and farm women of the Panchayat participated in the programme.

During the programme Dr Narinder Paul made the participants aware about the importance of balanced nutrition in

crops for maintaining healthy soils ecosystem, the ways and means of soil health management and called for balanced plant nutrient use for soil health management practices.

Ampy Singh stressed upon the farmers to incorporate the soil health card recommendation based fertilizers in the crop to maintain proper soil health. Ajay Chander called upon the participants for enriching the organic matter content of the soil for better soil health.

Others present during the pro-

gramme were Ghulam Mohammad, Noor Mohammad, DewanChand, Surjeet Kumar, Mohammad Latief, Babli Devi, Swami Raj, Mohammad Shaffi, Fateh Mohammad. At the end of the programmeorganic soil amendments and vegetable seed were distributed among the participants.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Ghulam Mohammad, sarpanchBalgran who lauded the efforts of KVK for conducting the programme in the panchayat.

Training programme on gender sensitization for police personnel commenced at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: A three-day training program on "Gender Sensitization for Police Personnel," sponsored by the National Commission for Women (NCW) New Delhi, has commenced at S.K. Police Academy Udhampur. Twenty-five police officers/officials from across Jammu and Kashmir are actively participating in this crucial initiative. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Deputy Director (Indoor/Trainings) SKPA Udhampur, formally inaugurated the course.

In his opening address, Rajinder Kumar Gupta, IPS, SSP, extended a warm wel-



SKPA officials along with participating officers posing for photograph.

come to all the participants on behalf of the SKPA Director. He emphasized that addressing gender inequality is the focal point of

the course, shedding light on the reasons behind women feeling insecure.

The training program is meticulously crafted to

encompass the skills and knowledge required to handle crimes against women, incorporating insights into legal provisions and the latest

amendments, including the Juvenile Justice Act, Information Technology Act, and Cyber space. Eminent speakers from various academic backgrounds and renowned Cyber Forensic experts will deliver lectures throughout the course.

The coordination of the course is led by

Sanjeev Gupta, Inspector, with assistance from HC Ram Paul. This initiative underscores the commitment to enhancing the capabilities of law enforcement in promoting gender sensitivity and addressing issues related to women's safety and security.

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