

# JKTJAC holds monthly meeting, raises issues of teaching fraternity

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A monthly of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by executive members and representatives of JKTJAC from all the zones of the district.

Speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma demanded the resolution of genuine and burning issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed the Government to resolve them for the welfare of thousands of these teachers especially teachers appointed under ReT scheme.

He appealed the Education Minister to get implemented Govt Order No.469 Edu of 2014 Dated 25.06.2014 regarding inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits and transfer of the said cadre.He said that recently Hon'ble CAT has given clear cut directions that after regularisation ReTs are equivalent to general line teachers and they can't be differentiated on the basis of mode of their appointment and they can be transferred within the district. He hoped that the Govt will implement the said order.

Raising the genuine and burning issue of Old Pension Scheme in favour of employees appointed on or after 01.01.2010 Sharma

appealed the Government to implement it as this scheme ( NPS) isn't in the their favour as they are deprived of benefits after retirement.

Other demands highlighted by the UT President were regularisation of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period; conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/ III; benefit of Cash in Lieu in favour of teaching fraternity; Conversion of headteachers posts into non plan posts of masters; One more DPC of teachers to masters; adjustment of recently promoted masters in Jammu Province as their counterparts in Kashmir Province have been adjusted recently Release of time barred arrears of Teachers/masters; Raising

Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during summer/ winter vacation for summer/ winter camps and for other duties; Filling up of vacant posts of ZEOs/Principals/Headmasters in headless zones/schools, Providing DDO Powers to headless zones/schools.

Speaking on the occasion Lekh Raj Parihar urged the Chief Education Officer Udhampur to take stern action against erring officials in some zones of the district who are unable to submit budget requirements timely leading to delay in release of the salary grants due to which hundreds of teachers suffer. He also urged him to

intervene in the matter of completion of service records of the teachers in many zones of the district besides release of dues of the teachers which is matter of great concern.

Others who also spoke on the occasion were :- Sham Sharma, Ashok Seth, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Vijay Sadotra, Suresh Sharma, Anil Sharma, Gopal sharma, Suresh Sharma, Som Raj, Sushma Sharma, Raj Kumar, Ranjit Singh, Jai Parkash Dogra, Puma Chand, Som Raj, Binder Kumar, Beerbajan Singh, Sudesh Dubey, Pardeep Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Madan Bhardwaj, Vabal Singh, Sunil Verma, Yash Paul and others.

## Press Club Udhampur delegation meets LG, demands land allotment for Press Club



Members of Press Club Udhampur calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A delegation of members from press club Udhampur , led by its President Sumeet Sharma, met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to request the allotment of land for the construction of a press club in Udhampur. The delega-

tion also discussed various other issues faced by journalists in the region.

During the meeting, LG Manoj Sinha assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed promptly, and steps would be taken to resolve the issues. The journalists submitted a memorandum

outlining their demands to the Lieutenant Governor.

Prominent members of the delegation included Press Club Udhampur Vice President Pankaj Saraf, General Secretary Ashish Dutt Sharma, and Legal Advisor Advocate Rahul Jandyal.

## Param Sant Kabir Sabha Akhnoor felicitates MLA Mohan Lal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: Param Sant Kabir Sabha Akhnoor organized a grand ceremony to honor and felicitate the newly elected MLA, Mohan Lal Bhagat. The event was graced by distinguished attendees, including Sabha President Ram Saran, Vice President Lal Chand, Dev Raj Bhagat, Kamal Swaroop, Captain Sat Pal, General Secretary Mangal Das Manmar, Treasurer Captain Ram Das, KC Bhagat, former Sarpanch Jagdish Bhagat, Varinder , and Mohan Lal himself.

The ceremony was presided over by Sabha President Ram Saran, while General Secretary



Sabha members honouring MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat.

Mangal Das skillfully anchored the event.

In his speech, MLA Mohan Lal expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Param Sant Kabir Sabha, stating, "I sincerely thank Param Sant Kabir Sabha for this honor. I remain

committed to serving society and will make every possible effort to ensure the development of this region. The trust and affection shown by the Sabha has further strengthened my resolve to fulfill my responsibilities."

Addressing the gathering, Sabha President Ram Saran said, "It fills us with pride to see Mohan Lal Ji as our MLA. We are confident that under his leadership, the Akhnoor region will achieve new milestones in development. Guided by the principles of Param Sant Kabir, we pledge to work collectively for the welfare of society."

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of a shawl and a memento to MLA Mohan Lal by the Sabha President and other members. The Sabha collectively resolved to promote education, equality, and development within the community.

## Mankotia visits CHC Chenani, issues directives to address patient issues

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHENANI: MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia conducted an on-ground visit to the Community Health Center (CHC) in Chenani to assess the hospital's functioning and interact with patients. During his visit, he met with patients and their families, listened to their grievances, and issued strict instructions to the concerned authorities to resolve the identified problems promptly.

Patients and their attendants highlighted several critical issues, including non-functional X-ray and ultrasound machines, inadequate ambulance services, and a lack of basic medical staff. In



MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia during visit to CHC Chenani.

response, MLA Mankotia directed the hospital authorities to prioritize these issues and take immediate remedial action. He also assured them of escalating the matter to

higher officials to expedite the resolution process.

Mankotia emphasized the importance of restoring the X-ray and ultrasound machines at the earliest and

instructed for the immediate repair of defunct ambulances to ensure uninterrupted emergency services. Furthermore, he discussed measures to address the shortage of doctors and other medical staff at the facility, ensuring the delivery of quality healthcare services to the public.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Mankotia said, "My priority is to ensure that the people of Chenani Ghordi Constituency receive accessible and reliable healthcare facilities.

Officials from CHC Chenani and community members were also present during the inspection.

## Satish resolves lighting issues in Chatti Padshahi Gurudwara Srinagar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR/JAMMU : Taking swift action on the demands raised by Gurudwara Committee, Chatti Padshahi Gurudwara Srinagar during his recent visit, Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Transport, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma, while taking due notice of matter got the issue of lighting in and around the prem-

ises of the Gurudwara resolved promptly.

The department, acting on the directions of Minister, installed six solar lights in and around the Gurudwara .

The Gurudwara Committee expressed gratitude to Minister for taking immediate action on their demands and resolving the issue.

In another significant development of public importance, on the directions of Minister for Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology,

Science and Technology, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma, Jammu Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) started AC bus service from Banihal to Jammu and back, providing immediate relief to daily commuters traveling on the route.

Taking prompt action on the demand raised by the locals, the Minister instructed the JKRTC management to start special bus service between Banihal and Jammu.

MLA Banihal, Sajjad Shaheen expressed gratitude to Minister for taking immediate action and said that it was a long pending demand of the people which has been fulfilled by intervention of the Minister.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Member Legislative Assembly Bani Constituency Rameshwar Singh inaugurated the first-ever "Tilhan Mela", the other day, organized by the Department of Agriculture Kathua under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The Mela, organised to promote millet cultivation and modern farming techniques, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the farming community of the region.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Bani, Ghias-ul-Haq; Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua, Sanjeev Rai Gupta; Tehsildar Bani, Pradyuman Atri and several officers and officials from agriculture and allied departments were present.

Addressing the gathering



MLA Bani Rameshwar Singh inaugurating Tilhan Mela at Bani.

of farmers, Rameshwar Singh appreciated the Department of Agriculture Kathua for its efforts towards advancing agricultural practices in the Bani constituency. He highlighted the upcoming key projects, including the Lavender Farm at Challah, the Potato Seed Development Farm, and the Apiculture Demonstration Centre at Sarthal, emphasizing their

potential to modernize farming practices, boost farmers' incomes, and generate employment opportunities in the region.

The MLA urged the farming community to embrace agriculture as a viable entrepreneurship opportunity with the department's support and advised against selling agricultural land.

The "Tilhan Mela" showcased the significance of mil-

lets in daily diets and promoted the adoption of advanced farming techniques for enhanced productivity and value addition. Impressive display stalls by the Department of Agriculture and allied departments provided insights into modern technologies and sustainable practices.

Chief Agriculture Officer elaborated on the importance

of schemes like the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in Bani. He highlighted the potential of the region for exotic vegetable production and niche crops such as Rajma, Hill Garlic, Onion, Potato, and Off-Season Mushroom.

"These Melas help deliver farmer-friendly technologies, develop scientific temper, and encourage sustainable crop intensification practices. I urge farmers to stay connected with extension workers to enhance their farm profits," he said.

Among others, District Agriculture Officer, Extension Murari Lal, SDAO Basohli Rohit Singh Balaria, SMS Basohli Devinder Singh SMS Kathua Ravi Singh, as well as AEOs, JAEs, and officials from agriculture and allied departments were also present.

## GDC Neeli Nallah organises seminar on 'Traffic Awareness'



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: As a part of ongoing efforts to promote road safety, Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur in collaboration with IQAC of the college, organized a seminar on "Traffic Awareness Programme" today on 28th of November, 2024 under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof. Dr. Seema Arora.

The program aimed at educating the stake holders about the importance of road habits. The seminar commenced with an introduction by the NSS Program Officer, Prof. Shaista Yasmeen at seminar hall of the college. She welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the seminar, emphasizing the role of the Traffic Awareness in spreading awareness about critical societal issues. Several NSS volunteers and students

presented speeches on traffic awareness. Ms. Priya Devi of Semester 3rd, Ms. Sheetal Sharma of Semester 5th and Mr. Ramneek Sharma of Semester 3rd got 1st first position, 2nd Position and 3rd Position respectively. The seminar was adjudged by Dr. Akhter Hussain, Dr. Mubariq Mahire and Ms. Neha Devi.

The Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, delivered a motivating address to the students. She appreciated the efforts of the NSS department and students in organizing the seminar. She highlighted real-life examples of the consequences of traffic violations and encouraged everyone to be vigilant and disciplined road users. She also encouraged the faculty members of college to educate students on the importance of adhering to traffic rules and fostering a culture of road safety. The whole event was a simple yet effective initiative by the NSS department. It successfully created awareness about traffic rules and inspired students to adopt safe practices as responsible citizens. In the end she appreciated the staff members for conducting the event. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by the NSS PO. She expressed gratitude to the principal, faculty members, and students for their active participation and enthusiasm.

## Havan-Yaga performed for prosperity, peace, elimination of terrorism

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: With the wish of peace and complete elimination of the demon of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the country and the world, a Havan-Yaga was organized at Shri Rajmata Ashram Shani Mandir located near Bhumika Mandir in Katra, prayers were offered for public welfare and world peace by giving Purnahuti with Sarva Mangal Mangle Mantracharan in the Havan Yagya.

Shri Rajmata Jhandewalan Mandir Group's



Paramadhyaksha Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni said in

their address at the Havan-Yagna that the demand for freedom of Hindu temples and monasteries from government control and to spend

the donations. on the welfare of Hindus was raised. Along with this, a demand was also made to make the complete details of the offerings and expenditure public.

Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj said that the poor Sanatani Sadhak saves every penny by cutting his stomach and donates to God in the temple according to his faith, why should that money be spent on those people who are anti-national along with Sanatan instead of developing the temples. Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji

said that the donations offered by the cow protectors are being spent for the comforts of cow eaters and anti-Hindu people, which is absolutely intolerable. Sahni said that in most of the Hindu temples under government control, there is no service spirit but business is being done in the name of religion. Government control over Hindu temples has been continuing since the pre-independence era. Sahni said that there are about 15 lakh Hindu temples in the

country, about 4 lakh temples are under government control. Sahni has demanded to free the religious places of Hindus from government control and the donation amount offered by Hindus should be spent only on the upliftment and development of Hindus. After the Aarti of Gurudev Ji along with the Satsang Yagya, Bhandaara was distributed. On this occasion Ram Vohra, Rahul, Mahesh Kohli, Jai Suri, Sarla Tiwari, Vijay, Swaminath were present.

## DC Kishtwar reviews cleanliness, Sanitation conditions; implements Sunday market initiative

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan toured Kishtwar town to inspect the cleanliness and sanitation conditions in streets and oversee the enforcement of the newly introduced Sunday Market at Chowgan.

The Sunday Market, a recent initiative by the DC, has been relocated to the Chowgan ground to address the traffic congestion previously encountered on the National Highway and in the town's streets. This relocation aims to ensure smoother traffic management and provide residents with a hassle-free shopping experience.

During the visit, the DC interacted with vendors and shoppers to gather their feedback and impressed upon them to adhere to the Cleanliness guidelines by installing the dust bins outside their shops. He also inspected sanitation facilities and reviewed ongoing developmental works in the town and forwarded necessary directions to municipal authority.

Additionally, illegally parked vehicles and unauthorized street vendors were removed by enforcement agencies. Defaulters were issued challans and given warnings.

"The relocation of the Sunday Market to Chowgan

is intended to provide adequate space for Sunday shopping and to ensure vehicles are parked at designated parking areas for public convenience. We are continuously monitoring the initiative and remain open to suggestions for improvement," the DC stated.

The public expressed their appreciation for the new arrangement, citing the convenience of a centralized marketplace without the usual traffic disruptions.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal, EO Municipality, Mumtaz Mirza and other concerned staff members.

## Rotary Club Rajouri organises free medical checkup camp for Daksh hostel students

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: In a philanthropic initiative, the Rotary Club Rajouri Grand, led by President Dr. Sachin Vaid, organized a free medical checkup camp for students residing in Daksh Hostel Rajouri.

The camp, convened in the presence of other club representatives, aimed to provide essential healthcare services to the students.

The students underwent free medical checkups, and medicines, including immunity boosters, were distributed among them.

An awareness session on preventing winter and cold-related illnesses was also conducted to educate the students on necessary precau-



Team of doctors during the camp.

tions. Students were also made aware about importance of regular hand washing and better ways of handwashing besides ways to improve personal hygiene.

Furthermore, the importance of deworming was emphasized, and necessary medicines were provided to the students. The hostel management also received

medicines for daily use.

It was also informed by representatives of Rotary Club Rajouri Grand that a nebulizer will also be provided by the club in hostel for use whenever need arises.

The event was attended by Vinay Kumar, Warden of Daksh Hostel, District President Sewa Bharti Sourabh Gupta, Vishu Ji, and other dignitaries.

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