

Div Com reviews developmental scenario, revenue services in Doda Distt

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DODA: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, who was on a tour to this mountainous District, on Monday took a comprehensive review of developmental activities and working of the Revenue department in the region. Chairing a meeting here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office, the Div Com reviewed the execution of the District Capex Budget Plan, progress of ongoing mega projects and the implementation of key government schemes. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, ADDC Pran Singh and the officials from other departments. The Divisional Commissioner emphasized on improving key indicators in Health & Education, besides resolving bottlenecks that hinder work execution. Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting at Doda.

outlining the status of major developmental projects, flagship government schemes and welfare initiatives being implemented in the district. Updates were provided on infrastructure development, healthcare, education, rural development and other priority sectors. Work on major projects such as NH-244, infrastructure development in GMC & Associated Hospital, road projects under NABARD & CRIP were thoroughly reviewed and directions were passed to stick to timelines for completion. The

Divisional Commissioner further stressed the importance of safety measures along the national highway and other roads of the district. Reviewing the health sector, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized improving medical services and enhancing healthcare facilities, including trauma care & preparations for the winter season. Taking the review of the education sector, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the need to reduce dropout rates and increase student enrollment, especially under the

TALAASH initiative. He urged departments to achieve targets for Centrally Sponsored Schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY (Gramin and Urban), PMJAY and other public welfare schemes to give maximum benefit to the public in a time bound manner. The meeting also discussed tourism preparedness for the winter season, with directions to enhance accessibility & safety, the availability of snow clearance machinery and improved facilities at tourist destinations of the District.

The Divisional Commissioner directed officers to focus on increasing accountability in the PDD sector, completion of works under RDSS & JJM and ensuring effective implementation of the public centric schemes. Special attention was given to increasing enrollment under HADP initiatives and strengthening the institutions of Kisan Khidmat Ghars to build a resilient Rural Ecosystem. The Divisional Commissioner also reviewed Revenue administration and emphasised the importance of timely delivery of revenue services in addition to modernisation & digitisation of revenue records. He stressed on the importance of regular review meetings for ensuring coordination among various departments and adherence to set timelines. He urged officers to prioritize public welfare schemes and promptly resolve issues of the public in a citizen centric manner.

STD Enforcement Team Udhampur realises Rs 1.85 Cr fine from tax evaders till Nov 2024

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UDHAMPUR: State Tax Department (STD), Enforcement Wing Jammu North (Udhampur) has realized highest ever penalty of Rs 1.85 Crore and E Way Bill Verifications of 2.47 Lakh during the current FY 2024-25 after detecting 272 cases in contravention of Goods & Services Tax (GST) Act/Rules. Regular enforcement activities being carried out based on inputs generated from data analytics and surprise inspections on the Goods/conveyance in transit under the close supervision of Deputy Commissioner Jammu North (Udhampur) Anil Kumar Chandail to check/curb the violations especially in sensitive high tax prone commodities including Tobacco products, scrap goods, cement, granite/marble, TMT bars and electronic goods etc. This significant achievement has been made possible due to the technical



STD Enforcement team during the inspection.

guidance of Commissioner State Taxes, J&K, P.K. Bhat and Addl. Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra. The major commodities on which penalty was realised during the current financial year includes, scrap goods, cement, granite/marble, TMT bars, tobacco products, electronic goods & furniture items for violations like movement of goods without EWay Bills, e-invoices, wrong declaration of tax rate, mismatch in quantity, use of fake GSTIN, etc. Commissioner State

Taxes appreciated the efforts of team Enforcement Udhampur for breaking the nexus of the scrap dealers especially between J&K and Punjab who were violating the provisions of the GST Act and on underscoring the Department's commitment to foster a culture of accountability and compliance to GST regulations. The enforcement teams consists of Inspectors, Sub Inspectors, Guards led by State Tax Officers (STOs) Babu Pardeep Kumar, Ayush Sharma and Sahida Akhtar.

LFO-BHF organises Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Programme



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UDHAMPUR: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation conducted Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads) at Sainik Co-operative Public High School, Tikri, Udhampur under the guidance of Vivek Parihar (Director & CEO) of the NGO & Mrs. Vandana Kohli, the Principal incharge of the school. The event aimed to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene practices among young girls. Stuti Abrol, the keynote speaker & the Domain Incharge, led an informative session on proper hygiene practices, addressing common myths and encouraging open discussions to remove the stigma associated with menstruation. As part of the initiative, the NGO distributed 2000 sanitary and aware 200+ young minds, about pro-

moting accessibility to essential hygiene products. Speaking on the occasion, Vandana Kohli, the Principal incharge of the school said, "The event was a significant step towards improving menstrual health and education in the community, empowering girls with the knowledge and resources they need for better health and well-being." As we known menstrual taboo is the major evil in the society and it's our prime focus to remove this taboo from society and let the female to live their life with dignity & our prime focus is to make a society where there is easy accessibility of sanitary to each and every female said Vivek Parihar (Director LFO-BHF). The programme also saw the presence of notable members including Kashish Katoch, Kangan, Manvi Mehra and many more.

Prioritize education, moral values, proper etiquette, mannerisms for community children: Ch. Manmohan

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RAMGARHI: In a momentous occasion that highlighted the importance of education, Ch. Manmohan Singh, President of the All India Jat Maha Sabha and former Mayor Jammu, today felicitated Pariphool Choudhary, daughter of Sub Bhagwan Dass from Village Barota, Ramgarh, District Samba, for her exceptional achievement in cracking the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS) exam.



President AIJMS Ch. Manmohan Singh felicitating JKAS qualifier Pariphool Choudhary.

Ch. Manmohan Singh, while congratulating Pariphool for her remarkable success, lauded her hard work, perseverance, and dedication, which has not only brought pride to her family but also to the entire community. He praised her for setting an

inspiring example, especially for the younger generation, emphasizing that such achievements reflect the power of focused efforts and education. "I am immensely proud of Pariphool Choudhary for bringing laurels to our community. This achievement is a testament to her

dedication and the values instilled in her by her parents. It is the result of years of hard work, sacrifice, and the support of her family," said Ch. Manmohan Singh. The Jat Maha Sabha President also commended the role of Pariphool's parents in providing her with

the necessary education and moral support, which played a pivotal role in her success. He stressed that the family's efforts reflect a commitment to creating opportunities for their children, which is crucial for nurturing talent. Ch. Manmohan Singh further appealed to the community members to prioritize the education of their children, stating, "The future of our community lies in the hands of the younger generation, and it is imperative that we empower them through quality education." He emphasized that along with academic achievements, it is equally important to instill good moral values, proper etiquette, and mannerisms in children. These qualities, he

said, are essential for shaping well-rounded individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society. Among those present were Prem Pal, Ex-Sarpanch; Darshan Singh, Ex-Sarpanch; Jagdish Raj, Ex-Sarpanch; Kalidas Singh, Ex-Sarpanch; Shiv Choudhary; Mohan Lal Naib Sarpanch; Davinder Singh Naib Sarpanch; Anil Kumar Lamberdar; Ajit Singh Subedar; Babu Ram Subedar; Ramesh Chander Gill; Bishamber Dass; Yashpal; Surjeet Singh; Omprakash Chahal; Kashmir Singh; Surinder Singh; Surjeet Nagra; Deepak Choudhary; Gharjeet Singh; Ajit Singh; Deep Singh; and Bhagwan Dass.

GDC R S Pura organises screening of short film 'anti ragging'

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R S PURA: To aware the students about the repercussions of ragging, the Anti ragging committee in collaboration with NSS unit of Government Degree College R.S. Pura organized screening of a short film "Anti ragging" under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Chanchal Angral. The session started with the welcome note by Prof. Harpreet Kour. The short film focused on severe physical, psychological, academic, social and interpersonal consequences of ragging on students. The Principal addressed how rag-



Faculty members along with students during the event.

ging has its devastating effects on individuals and emphasized the importance of an anti-ragging campaign in a college premise. Preventing ragging isn't just about policy enforcement; it's

about changing attitudes. A college should be a safe space for students to learn, grow, and express themselves. Ragging undermines this environment by fostering fear, insecurity, and exclu-

sion. The NSS PO, Dr. Chanchal Angral stated that anti-ragging campaign helps promote inclusivity, where all students-regardless of their year of study-feel respected. They play a piv-

otal role in shaping campus culture, preventing harm, and fostering personal and academic growth for all students. Through education, awareness, and collective responsibility, such campaigns help ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive in a secure and inclusive space. The prominent faculty members present were Prof Shifali Abrol, Dr Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Hari Singh, Prof Rajinder Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. SavleenKour. The session was concluded with a formal vote of thanks given by Dr. Sanjeev Upadhyay.

GDC Mahanpur, Kathua Admn hold rally to commemorate National Pollution Control Day



Officials along with faculty members and students during the programme.

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KATHUA: Department of Environmental Sciences, Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur, in collaboration with the Civil Administration, organized a rally to commemorate National Pollution Control Day under the theme "Clean Air, Green Earth : A Step Towards Sustainable Living". The rally witnessed active participation from middle and higher secondary

schools. The program was organized by Dr. Nishu, HOD Environmental Sciences under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College. The rally was flagged off by the Chief Guest, Anil Kumar Thakur, Additional District Commissioner (ADC) Basohli, accompanied by Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of GDC Mahanpur. The rally aimed to raise

awareness about the importance of pollution control and promote eco-friendly practices among the local community. Staff members and Students of GDC Mahanpur, Middle and Higher Secondary schools Mahanpur, participated in the rally, which helped to spread awareness among local people and shopkeepers. Near about 100 students were present in the rally.

Samba accelerates revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls

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SAMBA: District Panchayat Election Officer (DPEO) and Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the upcoming Special Summary Revision of the Panchayat Electoral Roll. The initiative, aimed at updating the electoral roll of the District with the qualifying date of November 11, 2024, will ensure a transparent and inclusive democratic process at the grassroots level. Key aspects of the revision process were discussed to

ensure the electoral rolls reflect the latest and most accurate information. Officers were directed to engage local communities, resolve grievances promptly, and address any discrepancies identified during the process. The DPEO reiterated the importance of ensuring that no eligible voter is left out. The Special Summary Revision will commence with Publication of Draft Rolls on November 11, 2024. The Claims and Objections period, which includes provisions for additions, deletions, corrections, and transpositions, will run from November 11 to December 9, 2024. The Final Publication of the Panchayat Electoral Roll 2024 is scheduled for January 6, 2025.

The meeting was attended by Deputy District Election Officer (Dy. DEO), Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), District Panchayat Officer (DPO), Block Development Officers (BDOs), and other concerned officials.

MLA for enhancing educational infrastructure for better learning

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BANI: Dr. Rameshwar Singh, MLA Bani inaugurated the much-awaited development work at the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Duggani. The project with an estimated costs of Rs 87 lakhs, which includes the construction of eight new classrooms, is a significant step towards addressing the growing educational needs of the region.



MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh inaugurating development work at GHSS Duggani.

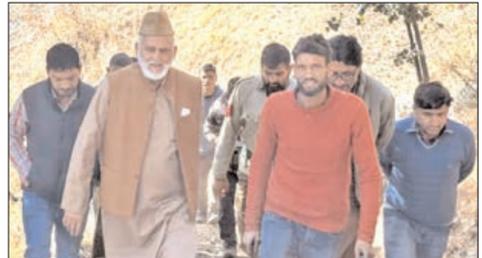
The new classrooms will provide much-needed space and modern facilities for the students, helping to alleviate the strain on the existing infrastructure. This development has been one of the key demands of the community and has been fulfilled under the vision of Dr. Rameshwar Singh to strengthen the education sector in the Bani constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rameshwar Singh emphasized the importance of quality education in shaping the future of the youth in the region. He reiterated his commitment to enhanc-

ing educational infrastructure and ensuring that students have access to the best possible learning environment. "Education is the foundation of a prosperous society, and it is our duty to provide our children with the resources they need to succeed. This initiative is a step towards making Duggani a hub for quality education," said Dr. Rameshwar Singh. The construction of the new classrooms will not only improve the learning conditions for students but also support the teachers in delivering quality education. Dr. Rameshwar assured the residents of Duggani that more

development initiatives would follow to meet the educational and infrastructural needs of the region. The project is expected to be completed in the coming months, bringing a significant improvement to the school's facilities. This development work at GHSS Duggani marks another milestone in Dr. Rameshwar Singh's ongoing efforts to uplift the educational sector and promote the overall development of Bani. The MLA also expressed his gratitude to the local residents for their continuous support and cooperation in the ongoing development of the area.

Saroori urges justice for Sambhal victims; criticizes ASI surveys on Muslim sites

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KISHTWAR: Former Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Ghulam Muhammad Saroori, has expressed deep anguish over the killing of four individuals and the injuries sustained by several others during police action at the Shahi Jamia Masjid in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh.



Former Minister GM Saroori during visit to Keshwan area.

Speaking during his visit to Keshwan area of District Kishtwar, Saroori condemned the incident as a glaring example of the rising hatred and violence against minorities, particularly Muslims, in the country. Saroori called for swift justice, emphasizing that the perpetrators must be held accountable. "The unjust actions by the authorities are creating an atmosphere of fear and alienation among minorities, tarnishing

India's democratic values and global image," he said. Addressing the ongoing Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) activities at Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Sambhal Masjid, Saroori criticized them as politically motivated moves to undermine the heritage and faith of the Muslim community. He urged the government to stop such divisive actions

and focus on fostering unity and harmony. "The rise in hate-driven narratives and targeted attacks is tearing the nation apart. India's progress lies in its diversity and coexistence, not in marginalizing its minorities," he asserted. Saroori urged the people to remain united against such forces and uphold the nation's secular fabric.

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