

MLAs Sunil Sharma, Shagun Parihar review contours of developmental initiatives in District Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Paddar-Nagseni and Leader of Opposition (LOP) in J&K Assembly Sunil Kumar Sharma along with MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar convened a meeting with district administration here in the Mini Secretariat discussing government initiatives launched to accelerate socio-economic development in the district.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Rajesh Kumar Shavan; Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Javaid Iqbal and ADC Pawan Kotwal, besides district heads of line departments and sectoral officers.

The district officers briefed the Legislators on the ongoing developmental and welfare initiatives undertaken in the Paddar-Nagseni and Kishtwar Assembly Constituencies.

Updates on key projects and activities across sectors were shared, focusing on public welfare and infrastructure development.

The MLAs took a comprehensive appraisal of several developmental issues, particularly those related to road connectivity under PMGSY and PWD, PMEGP, MGN-



MLAs Sunil Kumar Sharma & Shagun Parihar chairing a meeting.

REGA, Awas Plus, water and power supply, and the handicrafts, agriculture sectors. The implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes was also reviewed in detail.

The Legislators stressed the importance of addressing critical public concerns. They directed officers to ensure meticulous planning for developmental projects, keeping in mind local needs and public feedback.

Sunil Kumar Sharma urged officials to set realistic targets and show unwavering commitment to delivering results through proper monitoring. He also called for a thorough review of Sub-Division-specific projects, including the Naigad Water Supply Scheme, Kishtwar Water Lift Scheme, and the power distribution infrastructure in the district. He highlighted the gaps in the system and urged for immediate corrective measures.

Shagun Parihar emphasized the need to notify a power cut

schedule to minimize inconvenience during the winter months.

During the discussion on the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADDP), MLA Sharma stressed the need for efficient public service delivery. He emphasised realizing the agricultural and industrial potential of the region. He proposed the establishment of "Model Vegetable Villages" to promote local cereals, organic vegetables, and pulses, thereby tapping into the district's agricultural strengths.

Earlier, DC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, presented an overview of the district profile, highlighting major projects under execution and good governance initiatives. He briefed the chairpersons on vital projects like the development of the City Forest near Kishtwar Town, the implementation of an effective traffic management plan for Kishtwar town, and initiatives under Swachh

Bharat Mission (SBM).

The Deputy Commissioner also shared updates on various flagship programs, including the Nasha Mukta Bharat campaign, road safety measures, and efforts toward achieving a 100% literacy rate in the district. The administration's progress in making Kishtwar TB-free was also commended.

Both MLAs expressed satisfaction with the initiatives taken by the district administration but emphasized the need for sustained efforts to bridge gaps in infrastructure and service delivery. They encouraged officers to maintain a proactive approach toward addressing public grievances and developmental demands.

In the concluding remarks, Sunil Kumar Sharma, MLA Paddar Nagseni underscored the need for collective commitment and emphasized the importance of adhering to strict timelines and ensuring accountability in all develop-

mental efforts. He announced that routine review meetings would be conducted to monitor progress and address challenges effectively. He further directed officers to conduct field visits to ensure the seamless implementation of sectoral schemes and to remain accessible to the public at all times.

Miss Shagun Parihar, MLA Kishtwar expressed her confidence in the capabilities of the district officers and urged them to strengthen their connection with the public. She stressed the importance of actively listening to the grievances of the people and ensuring the effective extension of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to address their needs comprehensively.

The meeting concluded with a call for collective efforts to ensure holistic and sustainable development in the Paddar-Nagseni and Kishtwar Assembly Constituencies.

The review meeting was attended by several senior officers, including Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Shah Nawaz Bali, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone, and Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Phulail Singh, along with other district and sectoral officers.

GCW Udhampur conducts week-long activities to observe World AIDS Day



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UDHAMPUR: Red Ribbon Club, GCW Udhampur in collaboration with AIDS Control Society, Department of Health & Medical Education; and Higher Education Department, J&K under the aegis of IQAC of the college organised week-long activities to commemorate World AIDS Day designated on 1st December every year.

The theme for World AIDS Day 2024 is "Take the rights path: My health, my right! The world can end AIDS if everyone's rights are protected, by inculcating among the general masses the gravity of the problem and heighten their level of awareness about HIV/AIDS/STI and other related issues and thus eliminate related myths and misconceptions.

The week-long activities commenced on 2nd Dec. under the guidance of Dr. Nalini Pathania, Principal of

the college.

An awareness rally which was formally flagged off by Dr. Pathania was taken out by the students with chart drawings in their hands-all showcasing the awareness message on AIDS Prevention and Control.

The rally was taken out from the campus of GCW Udhampur, which passed through the main places of Battal Ballian Road and finally concluded at the college campus. More than 130 students of the college participated in the rally.

On 3rd December, a poster-making competition was organised in which an impressive number of students from various streams participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The theme of the competition was to create awareness about HIV/AIDS and to foster creativity and healthy competition among the students.

The posters were bold, visually appealing and informative. They gave a pictorial representation of HIV/AIDS contraction and care. Dr. Indu Khajuria (HOD Chemistry), Dr. Monika Gupta, Prof. Parvinder Kour were amongst the judges of the competition. The first prize was bagged by Rasha Devi while Divya and Rutvi Gupta stood second and third respectively.

Following the poster-making competition, a Human Chain in the shape of red ribbon symbol was formed by the students on Friday to conclude week-long activities undertaken for the observance of World AIDS Day. All the activities were conducted and supervised by the members of Red Ribbon Committee-Prof. Neha Gupta (Convener), Prof. Pardeep Singh, Prof. Meenakshi Jamwal, Dr. Sarabjeet Kour Sudan, Prof. Yash Kumar and Dr. Sanjay Kumar.

Rape accused arrested

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JAMMU: Continuing drive against wanted criminals and absconders, GRP Jammu apprehended and arrested accused namedly Sudham Hussain alias Satam Hussain, son of Rehmat Ali, resident of Dhadha Tehsil and District Jalandhar, Punjab arrested from Punjab.

The accused was involved in a case registered under FIR No. 9/2024 Under Sections 70(2),127(3),137(2) BNS Section 4 POSCO Act Police Station GRP Kathua.



Three notorious drug peddlers arrested with 21 grams heroin, 4 mobile phones, cash Rs 38,770

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SAMBHA: Intensifying its drive against narcotics smugglers/suppliers, J&K Police has arrested three notorious drug peddlers including two ladies, all residents of Rakh Barotian Vijaypur and recovered approximately 21 grams heroin, four mobile phones, one weighing machine and cash amounting to Rs 38,770.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur headed by SHO Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under overall supervision of SSP Samba during special vehicle checking naka near Rakh Barotian Vijaypur, intercepted a bike without registration no. coming from Rakh Barotian side and moving towards Vijaypur for checking.

During checking, approx. 11.43 grams of heroin like substance, 04 mobile phones, one weighing machine and cash of Rs 24630 have been recovered from the possession of bike rider and lady pillion rider.

The accused identified as Bhag Ali alias Ashiq Alim son of Gau and Meenu, daughter of Gau, both resident of Rakh Barotian, tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba have been arrested and the contraband item alongwith other items recovered on the spot have been seized.

The arrested accused happens to be brother and sister who are involved in illegal narcotics trade and are operating in the Vijaypur area. Both are used to supply drugs to the addicts in the region.

A case FIR No. 155/2024 under sections 8/21/22/27-A/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.

Similarly, in an another operation against narcotic smugglers, a female drug peddler namely Roshan Bibi alias Lulu alias Alu, wife of Lal Hussain, resident of Rakh Barotian Vijaypur has been arrested with approximately 8.90 grams heroin and also recovered cash of Rs 14,140 from her possession by Police team of Vijaypur during special naka near Rakh Barotian Vijaypur.

A case FIR No. 156/2024 under sections 8/21/22/27-A NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.



Habitual bovine smuggler detained under PSA

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UDHAMPUR: In a major step to curb criminal activities in the District Udhampur, Police have booked and detained a habitual bovine smuggler under the J&K Public Safety Act (PSA) for his notorious activities in bovine smuggling on the detention orders issued by the District Magistrate Udhampur.

The accused namely Neef alias Billu, son of Isrial is a resident of Manohar Pakhlai, Udhampur and stands booked in a number of bovine cases registered in the District. He has become a threat to the peaceful atmosphere in the district, thus warranting authorities to detain him under Public Safety Act.



Drug peddler arrested, 10.5 grams of heroin recovered

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JAMMU: In its ongoing drive against the menace of drugs, Jammu police achieved a major success when it apprehended 01 drug peddler along with 10.5 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like substance.

During vehicle checking, Police party from Canal Road Jammu signalled one person who was travelling in his car bearing Registration No. HR73A 3655 i20 to stop near Nikki Tawi. During his personal search, 10.5 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like substance was recovered from his possession who disclosed his identity as Abdul Hamid alias Medhu, son of Lt. Abdul Rashid, resident of Nikki Tawi, Jammu. In this connection, a Case FIR No. 194/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Nowabad.



Bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 58 bovines rescued

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UDHAMPUR: Police rescued 16 more Bovines, 02 Accused arrested in the jurisdiction of PS Panchari.

Team of Police Station Panchari led by its SHO have foiled one bovine smuggling bid in which 16 more bovines have been rescued from 02 bovine smugglers namely Nazir Mohammad, son of Gashan, resident of Upper Mongri and Hafeez Mohammad, son of Shareef Mohammad, resident of Upper Mongri who were taking these bovines towards Ramban by foot without any valid permission.

All the bovines were rescued and said smugglers have been arrested.

In this regards, case FIR No. 67/2024 under relevant sections of law stand registered at Police Station Panchari.

Chenani Police Team foiled two smuggling attempts; rescued 16 bovines and seized two vehicles seized (JK19A-5934 & JK08N-4932)

Majalta Police Team rescued 17 bovines; seized a Truck bearing registration number JK01AP-1871.

Police Post Roun rescued 9 bovines and seized one Oil tanker with registration number JK02AD-7712. FIR No. 486/2024 U/S 223(a) BNS, 11 PCA Act registered at Police Station Panchari.

Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati enters Kumb Mela at Prayagraj

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PRAYAGRAJ: On the auspicious occasion of city entry in Kumbh Mela Prayagraj, a grand Shoba Yatra headed by of His Holiness Atal Pithadishwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandeshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Maharaj of Sunderbani, J&K was taken out with full enthusiasm and religious fervour across the city.

On this occasion, Sant Mahant officials of all the Akharas Satyam Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Sundar Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Purushottam Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Mangat Puri Ji Maharaj, Shri Pramod Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Gautam Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri God Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Mahakal Giri Ji Maharaj and all the sages and saints of the congregation were also present.

It is pertinent to mention



here that the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is going to be held at Prayagraj from January 13th, 2025 to February 26th, 2025. During the Kumbh Mela, a number of ceremonies take place; like the traditional procession of Akharas called 'Peshwai' on elephant backs, horses and chariots, the shining swords and rituals of Naga Sadhus during 'Shahi Snaan', and many other cultural activities that attract millions of pilgrims to attend the Kumbh Mela.

DC finalises preparations for SSB Exams

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal convened a meeting at Dak Bunglow to finalize preparations for the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (SSB) examination for recruitment of JKP Constables (Telecommunication).

The meeting brought together key officials, including Additional Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, Deputy Commissioner under-scoring the need to provide adequate facilities to candidates, including sufficient seating, heating, lighting, sanitation, transportation, and security. He urged the stakeholders to collaborate in creating a hassle-free experience for the over 9,007 candidates expected to participate at 30



Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, heads of institutions, superintendents, supervisors, and magistrates responsible for overseeing the examination centers across the district.

The police department informed that all security measures and traffic management plans are in place for the examination.

PSA, Rajouri elects new body; Rauf Dar elected as president



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RAJOURI: An impressive function of Private School Association District Rajouri was held in DS High School Rajouri wherein newly elected body of the association took oath of office and were congratulated by various participants.

Abdul Raouf Dar retired Principal elected as district president of private school association was congratulated by the house with the hope that he will take the association to new heights on the basis of his experience which he has gained in various capacities in education department. Dar was elected unopposed and no form for election to other posts were received as a result of which president was authorised to nominate other office bearers of the private school association district Rajouri.

Other office bearers nominated include Lokesh Bhakshi as Sr. Vice president Kanav Badyal as Vice president Pervaiz Ahmed as General Secretary and Shezad Ahmed as member.

K K Langer was appointed as Chief Advisor with Mohammad Javaid (Rtd Jt Director SED) Mohammad Shafi Dar, Pritivi Khoker, Sham Lal, Babu Khan, Ibrar Malik, Bader Ud Din Malik, Shaheryar, Abdul Latief Mirza and Raza Ul Haq as advisors.

The speakers who spoke on this occasion include Lokesh Bhakshi, Khurshid Bismal, K K Langer, G N Kamak, Muslim Wani and Pervaiz Ahmed. Newly elected president Abdul Raouf Dar in his address highlighted various issues being faced by private schools of district Rajouri and hoped that the newly elected body with the sport of private school community will solve the burning issues at various levels. He appealed the Zonal presidents and other community members to be united and work for academic excellence of students of private schools and prepare them for future challenges.

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