

Mankotia's Jan Sampark Abhiyan at Chenani receives massive response

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UDHAMPUR: Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia's "Jan Sampark Abhiyan" received massive support at Chenani on Sunday, in which scores of peoples were present.

On this occasion, various issues were discussed with the people, mainly people objected to the report of the Delimitation Commission, there was a lot of anger among the youth for not getting employment in local companies, pending liability of MGNREGA from last several years. People told that they have not yet received the installments under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana. People told that in the Prime Minister's Rural



Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia addressing a gathering.

Housing Plus scheme, the names of poor people were given by the Sarpanchs and Panchs to the Rural Development Department, they have been cut off by the Rural Development Department and replaced their names by some other names, which is totally unfair to the people, they

added On this occasion, Mankotia said that these are all genuine demands of the people, the government and administration should look into these demands and people should get their rights timely. Mankotia said that he is social activist and always ready to serve the people, "I am not only the

leader of any one assembly constituency, but the leader of the entire J&K, no matter from which assembly constituency he will contest in upcoming Assembly polls, He said that in upcoming days "Jan Sampark Abhiyan" will reach at every nook & corner of entire Jammu region regarding the upcoming assembly polls & public reaction on De Limitation report. On the occasion BDC Jaganoo Sanjeet Sharma, councillor Samnik Bhasin, Sarpanch Sudesh, Ex Sarpanch Subash Singh, Ex Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Sr leader Jagdev Singh Jagga besides Several other Sarpanchs, Panchs & youngsters were also present.

Army provides assistance to schools

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RAJOURI: Army has been assisting various Schools in the region by providing them with essential infrastructure to facilitate their functioning. Towards this end, benches were distributed in Government Higher Secondary School, Dhargloon. The requirement was projected by the School Authorities during their routine interaction with the Unit and accordingly the demand was met as part of the Sadbhavana initiative. Students, Parents and School Authorities greatly appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army in supplementing their resources and thereby enabling the School to provide better teaching atmosphere.

Gaddi Sabha holds meeting, highlights issues

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UDHAMPUR: All J&K Gaddi Sabha (AJKGS) held a meeting under the Chairmanship of Youth President Kuldeep Kumar at village Nagulta in Tehsil Chenani in which many issues were discussed for the upliftment of community. Speaking in the meeting Kuldeep stressed upon the community members to maintain necessity of unity among the community especially those are living in far off areas in order to know the problems being faced by the youths and down trodden people. He said that our community being suffered discrimination by all previous Govt.



Members of Sabha during the meeting.

He further added that Gaddi community is being deprived of their rights at par with other communities in all aspects. Kuldeep urged the Govt. to extend Govt. sponsored welfare schemes to the community living in remote areas so

that benefits of schemes shall reach to them. Other who spoke in meeting were Chuni Lal, Hans Raj, Rakesh Kumar, Kumar Sonu, Bittu Ram, Yash paul, Romesh Kumar, Subash, Rajesh Kumar and Isher Dass.

NABARD provides fruit plants to tribal farmers of Mughal Maidan under Wadi Project

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: NABARD Kishtwar, in collaboration with National Level NGO Yusuf Meherally Center (YMC) on Sunday distributed fruit plants among the tribal farmers of the Mughal Maidan block as part of Wadi project being implemented in the area under the Tribal Development Program. "Wadi project" under Tribal Development Fund is being implemented jointly by National level NGO Yusuf Mehraly Center (YMC) and NABARD in the area. Under this initiative, in the initial phase, fruit trees are to be planted for livelihood generation in the 9 tribal dominated villages of Mughal Maidan block of the district. About 500 families have been identified for the project who will be provided apple, walnut and pear trees. The project also envisages providing livestock to the landless tribal households to enable them to earn livelihood. Chairperson District Development Council Kishtwar Pooja Thakur, Vice Chairperson DDC Saima Parveen, Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Sharma and officers of agriculture and allied departments were also present as the guests on the occasion. A large number of villagers from the 9 tribal villages of the block and YMC volunteers attended the program. District Development Council Chairperson, Pooja Thakur briefed the farmers about the benefits and potential of horticulture crops in the area.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar Ashok Sharma encouraged the farmers to take benefit of the project and generate income source for them. District Development Manager NABARD Nikhil Sharma enlightened the farmers about the "Wadi project". He said NABARD is dedicated for the tribal empowerment and they are highly confident that the WADI project will be implemented very effectively and it will bring prosperity to the local tribal Community as the Wadi project is a very ambitious project started by NABARD in Kishtwar. Besides, he added that the successful implementation of this program in different districts of the country shows that the project not only improves the standard of living of the tribal population, but also helps in protecting and improving the environment as it is a very constructive and progressive initiative. The Chief Horticulture Officer Kishtwar Mushtaq Wani explained the planting techniques to the farmers after the plants were distributed among the farmers by the Chief Guest. The beneficiary farmers evinced great enthusiasm and pinned high hopes from the project Wadi. The YMC volunteers Kishtwar, Rajeshwar Singh, Rubaya Tabassum, Amit Kumar, Mohit Rana, Mohammad Sharif, Riyaz, Kashi Nath and Saleemas were also present.

Farewell accorded to SDM Katra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATRA: An impressive function was held at Katra wherein SDM Katra Abhishek Sharma was given a farewell party on being promoted and transferred as Masson Director, Swachh Bharat Mission Urban.



Farewell being accorded to SDM Katra Abhishek Sharma.

by Shiv Kumar Sharma, former President Hotel and Restaurant Association of Katra and Ajay Sharma, Assistant Executive Engineer, PHE Katra in presence of Naib Tehsildar, KDA, Katra Shri Des Raj

by presenting him a shawl as a token of love and honour. Welcome address and proceedings of the function was conducted by Raj Kumar Padha, President J&K Association of Prabhat

Pheri. While speaking in the function all the speakers showered all round praise for rendering dedicated and unblemished service during his short tenure of seven months as SDM Katra and also wished him a highly successful tenure as Mission Director of Swachh Bharat Mission urban with the blessing of Maa Vaishno Devi. Chief Guest in his address complimented the love, affection and unconditional support received by him from all walks of the people of Katra and wished to work again for Katra if he gets the opportunity. He thanked all the people present on the occasion for organizing such a heart warming welfare function. Vote of thanks was presented by Ratten Singh Manhas, General Secretary, Keshav Ashram Katra. Farewell function was concluded with light refreshment. Prominent people present on the occasion were from Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.), BJP, Disha Chatravas, Keshav Ashram, Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS), Kreedha Bharati, Vishwa Hindu Parishad Katra, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir School Kadmial, and Bharat Vikas Parishad Katra.

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GDC Kathua celebrates birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu

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KATHUA: Under the patronage of Incharge Principal Prof Raj Kiran Sharma, Department of History, GDC Kathua in collaboration with NSS Units GDC Kathua celebrated 143rd birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. Every year on 13th February this day is observed as Indian National Women's Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. In this connection a symposium was organised by the Department of History on virtual mode. More than twenty students participated in the event as a speaker. The theme of the Symposium was "Role and achievements of Sarojini Naidu in the Indian Freedom Struggle."Participants threw light on her life and achievements in Indian Freedom struggle movement. Webinar was attended by more than hundred participants. The other Academician who grace the webinar by their benign presence were Prof Ritu Kumar Sharma, Dr Shamsheer Singh, Dr Kamaldeep Singh, Prof Poonam, Prof Arti and Prof Neha Bandral. The entire event was organised under the supervision of Head of Department of History, GDC Kathua and NSS Program Officers. Programme was concluded with vote of thanks.

Maintain brotherhood & friendly environment: SSP Doda to people



SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom chairing police-public meeting.

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DODA: SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom paid a visit to Assar and held a public meeting at Bulandpur (Assar) to listen the issues and grievances of general public. The meeting was attended by prominent /elderly people and PRIs

functionaries of the area. While speaking in the meeting the participants lauded the role and efforts of Police by way of conducting public outreach programmes in remote areas to provide assistance and help to the people besides listen-

ing and redressal of their grievances and issues. The participants highlighted many demands and issues of the area. SSP Doda while addressing in the meeting, assured the participants that their pressing demands will be taken up with concerned forum for redressal of the same. The participants were urged to maintain brotherhood and friendly environment in the area. They were also urged to extend and cooperation to Police in eradicating the menace of drug and other crime from the society. In the end the participants were thanked for participating in the meeting.

Dr Jitendra convenes DISHA meeting of district Reasi



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing DISHA meeting of district Reasi.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences (Independent Charge) MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur.

Charandeep Singh, BDCs, DDCs and other District/Sectoral Officers of various departments besides nominated members of DISHA were attended the meeting on the occasion. Detailed deliberation were held on various aspects which include Financial achievements under MGNREGA 2020-21, Status of PMAY-G, SBM-G, PMGSY, NSAP, Jal Jeevan Mission, National Health Mission, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Sehat Yojana, PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, PMKSY, PMMSY, ICDS, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, National Food Security Act, Integrated Power Development Scheme, Mid Day Meal, SMAGRA Shiksha, National Highways etc discussed in detail. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi gave briefed the chair about the physical and Financial status of various centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in different sectors of the District Reasi. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister expressed satisfaction over implementa-

tion of several government schemes in the district. He called upon the officers to make sincere and dedicated efforts towards taking the benefits of all government schemes to the targeted sections of the society."Government is determined to provide enhanced basic facilities to people of the district at their doorsteps. The Union Minister emphasized the need of strong coordination and Administration for effective implementation of various welfare and development programme.

Dr Jitendra Singh asked the concerned to aware the people regarding Ayushman Bharat sehat Scheme by mobilizing ASHAs, Anganwadi workers and PRIs in their respective areas and ensure that all the beneficiaries will be covered under these schemes and receive golden card. The Union Minister took serious note and asked to DC Reasi for holding monthly meeting regarding ongoing developmental works with PRIs. During the meeting, the DDC Chairperson, Saraf Singh Nag and other BDCs, DDCs raised various issues and of demands being faced by them which include Traffic congestion in the city, Shifting of Bus stand Reasi, Shortage of medical staff in DH Reasi, Issue of Baridaar, Paucity of drinking water supply in various Blocks, Shortage of staff in educational institutions, Establishment of College and Higher Secondary school in Block Arnas.

All J&K Shri Sadguru Kabir Sabha observes '504th Kabir Nirwan Divas'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BISHNAH: All J&K Shri Sadguru Kabir Sabha today observed '504th Kabir Nirwan Divas' on Sunday at Kabir Bhawan Chak-Avtara, Bishnah. The function was largely attended by people from all the districts of Jammu division especially from district Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Udhampur & Reasi. On this occasion, the idol (Statue) of Shiromani Sant kabir sahib which came from Jaipur, Rajasthan was also received today at Sarore Adda, Jammu in presence of the President of the Sabha P.C Bhagat & Ex-Minister C.P Ganga. Thereafter the idol of Kabir Sahib was carried in a Shoba Yatra which started from Sarore passing by



Sabha members taking out Shoba Yatra at Bishnah.

Ratnal, Deoli, Bishnah, finally culminated at Kabir Bhawan Chak-avtara, Bishnah. The Shoba Yatra was greeted by each village of Bishnah irrespective of any caste or religion & the public at large showered their love and warmth to the statue of Sant Kabir Sahib which was a live example of his philosophy of equality among all.

President of "All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha", F.C. Bhagat while addressing the gathering said that Kabir Das was the first Indian saint who co-ordinated between different religions & gave a universal path which could be followed by all & it was the beginning of the social revolution in India because the philosophy of Kabir is irrespective of any religion, caste or creed & it is based on equality amongst all. Kabir advised his followers to give up such inhuman practices as untouchability, feelings of high and low etc. A spiritual discourse was also delivered by Dina Nath Ji Punjab wale disciple of Great Mahatma Chandi Ram and Bitta on the Bani of Saints with special reference to Kabir Bani. Prominent personalities who attended the occasion were G.R Bhagat (IAS Retd.) Sr' V.President of Sabha, Prof. Ashok Bhagat, Dr. Gurdass Ram, All District Presidents, Manohar Lal (Gen. Sec), Dr. Buti Ram, Ashwani Bhagat (Block President).

GDC Chenani holds national-level faculty development programme

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UDHAMPUR: Govt Degree College, Chenani organised a virtual National Level Faculty Development Program in collaboration with Sunstone Edversity, Gurgaon, Haryana on the theme "Students at the Center of Learning". The faculty development program was carefully designed to bridge the gap in quality teaching skills that are required to achieve excellence in education in India. The sub-themes of the program were Importance of Student Centricity, Effective Communication with Students, Understanding Student Motivation and Content that Works for the Students.

Dr. Ashvin M. Gutti, Director Academics, Sunstone University was the key Resource person, a specialist in academic leadership and pedagogy development and delivery. He dealt on the theme in detail and stated that we must articulate the importance of student centricity for the it is mandatory to design course content that works in the favour of the students. He opined that it was essential to develop a strategy for effective communication with the student then and only we can understand the motivation level of the student. He further stated that universal design for learning is the need of the hour as the classroom students have different needs, have various backgrounds, different attention

spans and interests, diverse language and cultural backgrounds. He emphasized that in order to bring transformation in teaching learning process a teacher should possess certain attributes like Mastery in subject knowledge, pedagogy innovation and empathy towards the students. The whole program was designed under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Pragya Khanna. She stated that the organization of such programs not only promotes the professional practices relevant to education but also motivates the faculty to achieve competitive teaching and learning environment, thus channelizing development with respect to academic qualifications and personal matters.

The spirit to volunteer and perform with zeal and enthusiasm of the participants was whole heartedly supported by the spectators cheering for their performance. Students and teachers expressed their gratitude for organizing the event. During the event, social distancing and other precautionary measures with respect to COVID-19 were duly observed.

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