

# Ravinder Raina visits family of martyr Arun Katal, expresses condolences with family

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KATHUA: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party President Ravinder Raina accompanied by other senior party leaders visited the residence of martyr Arun Katal at Kathua.

Arun Katal along with others lost his precious life while serving the motherland while 7 soldiers of a patrolling party died in the high-altitude area in the Kameng sector of Arunachal Pradesh in the avalanche recently.

Ravinder Raina while praising the soldiers of Bharat Mata said that we can sleep soundly in our homes because we know that our brave soldiers are spending sleepless nights in isolation from their family members sac-



BJP JKUT President Ravinder Raina during visit to house of martyr Arun Katal.

rificing their personal pleasures.

He said that the soldiers were providing their invaluable services to the Nation when they were trapped into the Avalanche. He said that out of those 3 bravehearts were from J&K. Vishal from Chak Malal Akhnoor and Havildar

Jugal Kishore from Dori Dager being the other two brave soldiers.

Raina said that this Nation is of brave and toady the whole Nation is saluting these soldiers for their sacrifice.

He said that we all pray to Almighty for the Moksha to the brave souls and power to bear the loss

to the near ones. He also said that the BJP stands with the family of the heavenly bound soul in this difficult hour and is of the strong view that a soldier never dies.

Prominent among those accompanied BJP President were Col Maan Singh DDC Chairman Kathua, Vice Chairman Raghunandan Singh Bablu, District President Gopal Mahajan, Ex MLA Kuldeep Raj, Dr Narinder Singh, Prem Dogra, Rashpal Verma, Sudesh Kumar Sethu, Asha Nand Khajuria, Rajesh Sharma, Vicky Sharma, DDC Member Dr. Shweta Singh, Abhinandan Sharma, Indu Rekha, Geeta Bhagat, Surekha Jamwal and other party leaders.

## AIF pays tributes to Pulwama martyrs



AIF members paying tributes to Pulwama martyrs.

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UDHAMPUR: In order pay heartfelt tributes to Pulwama Martyrs, a large number of volunteers of Aware India Foundation

(AIF) paid tributes to martyrs at Martyr's Memorial Chowk Domail in Udhampur on Tuesday.

Volunteers led by District President AIF, Vimal

Sharma lit lamps at memorial and laid floral. Vimal Sharma in brief message said nation will never forget the prime sacrifice made by 144 CRPF Jawans who martyred in an IED blast at Pulwama attack. AIF encouraged young generation to organise such programmes so that we can remember our real heroes who laid their lives for our motherland.

Others who pay tributes were Er Rohit Kumar, Er Mohit Kumar, Vikas Kumar, Vasu Dev, Kuldeep Kumar, Ajay Kumar and many more.

## Two weeks FDP on impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education commences at BGSBU



A section of dignitaries during the programme.

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RAJOURI: In an attempt to bring together the different stakeholders in higher education to discuss and deliberate upon challenges posed to higher education due to Covid-19 pandemic, strategies to overcome those challenges and need of innovations to minimize the impact of any such disruptions on higher learning in the long run, two weeks faculty development programme on 'Impact of Covid-19 on Higher Education: Challenges, Strategies and Innovations' being organised by Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri began on Tuesday. Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University in his message congratulated the Centre for hospitality and Tourism for taking this initiative. Prof. Akbar said that

BGSBU has been systematically responding to the Covid-19 crisis and has developed necessary COVID-19 protocols/guidelines related to Online Classes, Examinations, Admissions and other day to day affairs of the University.

He said that the University is effectively reaching out to all its stakeholders particularly the students and scholars to ensure that their academic pursuits are met within the stipulated

time frame. Prof. Iqbal Parvez in his inaugural address lauded the efforts of the Centre for Hospitality and Tourism for taking the lead in organising the FDP. In his address Prof. Iqbal said that The Covid-19 pandemic has created challenges and caused disruption across the Higher Education sector. Prof. Iqbal advised the participants to take benefit of the academic expertise and experience of various noted

academicians during the course of two weeks long FDP. Well known educationist Prof. N D Mathur, senior Professor in the Department of Economics, Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, at JECRC University Jaipur delivered the keynote address. Prof. Mathur highlighted the challenges posed by covid-19 outbreak viz-a-viz to higher education, mitigation strategies and innovations to minimize the impact of Covid-19 on higher education. At the outset, Deputy Director Centre for Hospitality and Tourism Dr. Danish Iqbal Raina formally welcomed the dignitaries and the participants.

While introducing the theme of the FDP, Dr. Raina highlighted the need for such initiatives for upgradation of knowledge and skills of faculty and research scholars. Around

110 participants from across the country have registered for the FDP.

## Crossed Swords Division conducts lecture on women & children health

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AKHNOOR: Army under the aegis of Crossed Swords Division conducted a Lecture Cum Interactive session on Women and Child Health issues in village Budhwal, Tehsil Khour, Akhnoor District. The session was aimed at increasing awareness regarding the medical issues of Women and Child health in far flung border villages. All the women were educated about common misconceptions prevalent in the environment and the remedial measures to overcome the same. Large numbers of women attended the interactive session at Panchayat Bhawan, Budhwal village. Endeavor carried out will go a long way in ensuring better health index for our women and children and reaffirm commitment of Indian Army towards welfare of people at large.

## DDC Rajouri inspects Skill Development Centre for specially-abled persons

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday visited Skill Development Centre for specially abled persons and interacted with the trainees for

DESO, Bilal Rashid Mir, Director Skill Development Centre, Mohd Ashraf and other concerned officers accompanied the DDC during his visit.

Taking stock of the training courses being run in the centre, the DDC was informed that presently 120 specially abled persons are being trained in two trades including LED Light repair technician of 440 hour duration and Domestic Data entry operator of 400 hour duration. While interacting with the trainees, the DDC said that the skill development centre gives persons with disabilities the right kind of atmosphere to develop their talent so that they become self-reliant.

The DDC also urged the trainees to learn the training skills with dedication to become self-reliant and live a dignified life in the society.

As per communication issued by the Employment

## GDC Neeli Nallah holds COVID-19 testing camp

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur holds COVID-19 Testing camp in the College premises on 15th Feb. 2022 as College is re-opened for students in Phase manner. The camp was organized in collaboration with Health Department Udhampur. The whole camp was held under the guidance of Prof. (Dr) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College. Dr. Satinder Kaur motivated the students and staff to take all precautionary measures to prevent them-



Students being tested for COVID-19.

Principals applauded and acknowledged the efforts made by the medical team and faculty members of the college.

## MUMKIN, TEJASWINI Schemes: DE & CC Ramban asks applicants to complete formalities

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RAMBAN: District Employment & Counseling Centre (DE&CC), Ramban has asked all the applicants who have applied for seeking benefits under "MUMKIN" and "TEJASWINI" and whose cases have been approved by the District Level Implementation Committee to visit the office of the DE&CC /Employment office, Ramban for the completion of further documentation and formalities.

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time. However GREF has constructed two narrow temporary bridges over Birma Nallah and allowed Light Motor Vehicles (LMV) to ply but didn't allow the buses except Landhar-Panchari bounded buses.

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