

NC leader visits Panchayats Barmandal, Broh; takes stock of people’s problems

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KALAKOT: National Conference (NC) has played Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its failure to provide basic amenities to the people of far flung areas of Kalakot constituency.
After his visit to these areas, NC leader Thakur Yashu Vardhan Singh, Constituency Incharge NC Kalakot, who is also NC Zonal Secretary Peer Panjal Zone and Incharge District Rajouri, said that BJP which claims to be champion of the people has in fact miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the common people on ground especially to those living in far flung and remote areas.



NC leader Thakur Yashu Vardhan Singh along with locals at Kalakot.

It is pertinent to mention here that the NC leader visited the remote and far flung areas including Panchayats Barmandal and Broh to take stock of the problems being faced by the people on ground.
While welcoming him, the people apprised the NC

leader about their pressing issues related to water, irrigation, road, electricity and upgradation of school. After listening to the people's woes quite patiently, he informed them that so far as their drinking water problem is concerned, Member District Development Council

(DDC) Kalakot, Anita Thakur is also working on the plan to address the water crisis in the area. He added that she would ensure that water crisis in the area is addressed by implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission at the earliest. He asserted that in any case the issue of water crisis will get completely resolved within a year.
Others accompanying the NC leader during his visit to the far flung areas were Ashok Sharma Office Sect, Er Waqar Mir YNC Kalakote, Dewaker Singh, Master Gulam, Sheru, Mirza Jangbaaz, Mirza Bashir and Mirza Ayoub, Sarpanch Broh.

NGO Aradhana organises legal awareness programme



NGO members along with women during the camp.

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SAMBA: Aradhana-a ray of hope, an NGO working for child education & societal welfare organised a legal awareness program in cooperation with District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) Jammu in Govt. Middle School Dabuj Village, Jakh to spread light on women empowerment and women

rights.
Monika Mitter, Chairwoman Team Aradhana educated the masses to raise voice against social injustice, domestic violence, women/child rights and discrimination of all sorts. The workshop was aligned with the World day of Social Justice theme 'Achieving social justice

through Formal Employment' which is observed on 20th Feb every year. The speakers also made audience aware about the remedial measures for potential problems wherein they can seek free legal aids from High Court Jammu.
40 and more participants were a part of the event. The lawyers team members from DLSA saw the presence of Advocate Abhimanyu Sharma and Advocate Anita Tickoo. Deep Sarkar, Avinash Singh Bogal, Taranjeet Singh and Claudia Pretes were the fellows from Aradhana. The general folks appreciated the dismissal of information ; it turned out to be an interactive session and the team vowed to organize more such events in the future.

3-Day Winter Carnival concludes at Jai Valley amid huge footfall of revelers

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BHADARWAH: Three day Winter Carnival concluded on Sunday here at Jai Valley Bhadarwah amid huge footfall of local and outside revelers.
The Winter Festival offering a range of activities was organised by District Administration Doda in collaboration with Bhadarwah Development Authority, Indian Army 4RR and Jawahar Institute of mountaineering to showcase and harness the adventure tourism potential of Jammu region's renowned tourist destination, Bhadarwah valley.
The event was hosted on the special recommendation of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Member Parliament and



accepted Bhadarwah as a favourite shooting location. He said the event also aimed to send across a message that the district administration was going to create world class facilities at all tourist locations of the area to attract high end tourists. The three Day Winter Carnival offered a great deal of

attraction for the visitors. Colourful cultural programmes, local dance, traditional sword and Stick dance performed by local tribal community, Zorbing ball, snow skiing, snow sledging, Snow roping, Baloon shooting, folk Kud dance and Ladakhi dance kept the visitors engaged all the three days amid the snow clad sprawling meadows of the Jai Valley. The last day of the festival witnessed participation of Principal District Session Judge Bhadarwah, Sub Judge Bhadarwah, OC GREF, Conservator of forest, ADC Bhadarwah, CEO BDA, BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, Captain 4RR, municipal councilors, locals from all over district and tourists from other districts.

Villagers hail intervention of DC Rajouri in facilitating repair of PMGSY road

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: District Administration Rajouri along with the PMGSY Department has been taking effective measures for the repair and renovation of the PMGSY roads to facilitate commuters.
Public has hailed prompt response and intervention by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kunal for necessary repair of a Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna road which was in dilapidated condition just in two years of its construction. The road under question was Mubarakpur Tandalw to Sohana Gali road via Mankote and Palullian.
Locals said that the road was inaugurated in 2019-20 after blacktopping but due to poor work, blockage of drains and due to non maintenance by executive agency, the road developed potholes

and was in dilapidated condition.
The matter was taken up with Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kunal and Executive Engineer PMGSY, Subash Chander. On the intervention of the Deputy Commissioner and Executive Engineer PMGSY, the work for necessary maintenance and repair of the road was started a few days ago and the work along the stretch is on for filling potholes and clearing blocked drains.
People from the area including Sarpanch Tundi Trar Yogesh Sharma, PRIs including Khadam Hussain,

Manoj Sharma, senior citizen Subash Chander, Bhushan Sharma, Mohammad Jansheed, Ashaq Chowdhary have hailed the start of much required repair work on the road.
They further appealed to the District Administration Rajouri and PMGSY Department to ensure renovation of damaged stretches of the road from Tandalw Bridge to Palullian Bus Stand and its extension from Behari Lal Chowk to Mankote Middle School. They also said that over ten link roads originate from this road connecting a

population of over six thousand people of Mubarakh Pura, Mankote, Ninga Nar, Sadhyal, Khankhari, Palullian, Keriyan, Namblan and Sohana Samyan including staff and students of over one dozen government schools, two health institutions and other government institutions, besides being of immense importance for defence purposes.
The villagers also appealed to the PMGSY department to ensure enforcement of the road maintenance period clause by the contractors to keep the roads in good condition.

Army organises medical cum veterinary camp



Doctor examining a patient during the camp.

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DUDU/BASANTGARH: Army conducted a medical cum veterinary camp

at Baba Vaishnaag Temple Village Dudu Gen Area Dudu- Basantgarh, District Udhampur (J&K).
The people, who are unable to reach the civil hospitals were reached out by Indian Army Doctors as well as Doctors from J&K health department. Medical aid was administered to the needy by providing appropriate diagnosis and provision of necessary medicines at their doorstep.

Army organises pre-recruitment training for youth

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KISHTWAR: Pre-Recruitment training was conducted by the Indian Army in Malar region of Kishtwar district (J&K) to train the youth for the various upcoming recruitment rallies for Indian Army, Para Military Forces and J&K Police. The candidates were imparted training on physical and theoretical aspects required for enrollment into the Security Forces. The training schedule included activities such as running practice, long jump, pull ups practice, running and zigzag balance practice.
In addition to this, the



Army official taking chest measurement of a youth.

aspiring youth also attended special classes for their written examination.
Documents required for recruitment was also checked and rectified. Indian Army has embarked on this noble project to motivate and

encourage the youth from the remote villages of Kishtwar District to join the Security Forces. Senior citizens and government officials lauded the initiative taken by Indian Army and pledged to work towards nation building.

Chairperson DDC Poonch reviews progress under District Capex Plan 2021-22

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POONCH: District Development Council Chairperson Poonch, Tazim Akhter on Saturday reviewed the progress of works under District Development Plan/ District Capex budget for the year 2021-22 and Area Development funds here at a meeting attended by DDC Vice Chairperson, Mohammad Ashfaq Chowdhary; Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet and heads of line departments.
The meeting took sector wise review of projects being executed by PWD (R&B), PHE, PDD, Minor Irrigation, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Youth Services and Sports, Health, Urban

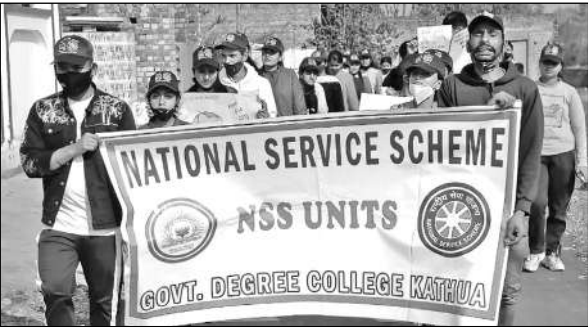
development, RDD, besides works undertaken by different executing agencies under DDC, BDC and PRI grants.
Status of work wise tendering process, allotment of works, started works on ground and works completed were discussed in detail in the meeting.
The DDC Chairperson laid thrust on speeding up the pace of execution to complete the works in a time bound manner. She directed the concerned officers to resolve the issues related to forest land in a coordinated manner.
The Vice Chairperson stressed upon early tendering of the approved works for their timely completion. He discussed the progress/physical achieve-

ment under district capex budgets and appreciated the progress of different departments.
The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned to complete all ongoing works by Feb 28, 2022. He also directed the DTO for early disbursement of the pending bills in the treasury.
The ACD, ACP and all BDOs of 11 blocks were asked to submit the bills of completed works in the treasury after proper verification.
The Deputy Commissioner directed all the district/sectoral officers to put in best efforts for maximum utilization of funds under different schemes. He asked ADDC to personally monitor the quality and quantity

of all taken up works.
Reviewing the performance of the Ground water department, the Deputy Commissioner asked the officials to seek approval of Gram Sabha to change the location of handpump installation due to any hurdle.
The meeting was also attended by ADDC, Poonch Abdul Sattar; ACD, Rajesh Lakhan; CPO, Madan Lal; CEO Tourism, Dr. Mohammad Tanveer; ACP, Shafiq Mir; CEO Education, Abdul Majid; CEO Municipality, Mushtaq; CMO, Dr. G.A Malik; AD Planning, M.A Khna, Executive engineers of different department, AEE's, JE's besides concerned officers/officials were present.

GDC Kathua’s special winter camp gets underway

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KATHUA: The second day of the seven days special winter camp began at the adopted village Bhagthali in Panchayat Jarai in the premises of Govt. Pry. School Bhagthali. The day started with the morning assembly in which the NSS volunteers of GDC Kathua carried out morning prayer followed by NSS pledge, thought for the day, News Update and NSS song. Later physical exercise session was held under the guidance of physical instructor. After the morning assembly volunteers carried out door to door socio-economic survey of the adopted village and interacted with villagers.
After survey, resource per-



NSS unit of GDC Kathua during the camp.

son Sunita verma from State Working Committee Patanjali Yog Peeth perform the Asaans of yoga. She taught the volunteers different yoga asans. In the evening session the volunteers organised rally on Swachta Abhiyan, raised slogans on swatchta, by which

they aware the villagers about the hygienic habits for living a healthy life. All activities were carried out under the supervision of NSS Program officers Prof. Manmohan Singh, Prof. Ritu Kumar Sharma and Prof. Neha Bandral.

GDC Jindrah conducts multiple activities under ‘Winter Special Camp’

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Working Degree College (GDC), Jindrah conducted different events on the second day of week long 'Winter Special Camp'.
The different activities conducted were Swachhata Abhiyaan, door to door campaign and rally on drug abuses, lecture, etc.
The Principal, Prof. Rajshree Dhar applauded the efforts of the NSS team and volunteers. Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah supervised all



Students carrying out cleanliness drive.

the activities and Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team compiled and reported the series of events for the day. The NSS team, started their

second day by conducting Swachhata Abhiyaan in Jindrah village, the adopted site. A rally on 'Say No to Drugs was also initiated from

GDC Basohli organises online poster-making competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BASOHLI: GDC Basohli organised an online poster making competition on "World Day of Social Justice" under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".
The Principal, Dr. Nidhi Kotwal in her inaugural address stated that raising voice against social injustice internationally is important to bring various communities together, to eliminate poverty, gender

inequality, physical discrimination, illiteracy, religious discrimination so as to make a socially integrated society.
Organising Secretary Dr. Sudhir Kumar briefed the function and instructed the rules and regulation of the event. Thirty seven students participated in the competition.
The event was judged by Dr. R.K Manhas, Dr. Gotam Singh and Sandeep

Kumar. Among all the participants Gayatri Billovria of semester 1st bagged first position, Ravina Malik of semester 3rd secured second position and Shipali of semester 5th stood third. The principal appreciated the efforts of the organising committee and encouraged them to hold such events for students in future also. A formal vote of thanks was presented by prof. BrahamDutt.

Principal Secretary SED visits schools, reviews functioning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Principal Secretary, School Education Department (SED), B K Singh on Sunday visited various schools of district Udhampur and interacted with staff and students there enquiring them about functioning of their respective institutions.
During his visit to Government Girls Higher

Secondary School Udhampur, Principal Secretary interacted with the students and exhorted upon them to deeply understand the basic concepts of their subjects. He also asked them to strictly follow all Covid SOPs during their offline classes.
He interacted with staff of the school and instructed them to rationalize enrolment in various subjects on the

basis of staff availability to have manageable number of students in a class. He directed the Principal of the school to arrange adequate sports material and construct a basketball court in the premises.
Principal Secretary also visited Government High School Mand where he inaugurated basketball court in presence of CEO and DYSSO Udhampur:

Preparedness for reopening of schools discussed in Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: A meeting to review the preparedness for re-opening of the schools was held here at the Chief Education Office.
The CEO P.L. Thapa chaired the meeting which was attended by the Zonal Education Officers of the district.
He inquired from the ZEOs about the preparations and readiness of schools in their respective zones.
The CEO pointed out several areas requiring improvements which he observed during his recent visit to some of the schools.
He stressed on timely submission of the preparedness report by individual schools as instructed by higher authorities along with authentication by respective ZEOs.
He also suggested that the submitted plans should be ascertained by ZEOs by making inspection visits to the schools by ZEOs and their zonal inspection committees.

Bari Brahmana, Sunderbani towns declared ODF

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JAMMU: Bari Brahmana and Sunderbani Towns have been declared as ODF+ by respective Municipal Committees after seeking public objections and feedback from the local residents as per the guidelines issued by Swachh Bharat Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
"Feedback and objections received were taken under consideration and all necessary improvements were made on the ground.
Thus, Municipal Committee Vijaypur declares itself as an ODF+ town" the MCs said through handouts.
"Open defecation, open urination, and unauthorized dumping of sewage in open areas, drains and water bodies are a punishable offence.
It is hereby declared that a penalty of INR 200 for open defecation, INR 100 for open urination and INR 500 for unauthorized dumping of sewage in open areas, drains and water bodies shall be imposed in case of any violation" it stated.

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