

Mahant Manjit Singh visits Yashpal Sharma's residence, offers condolences to bereaved family



Mahant Manjit Singh at residence of former MLC Late Yashpal Sharma.

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POONCH: Dera Mukhi Sant Pura Nagali Sahab, S. Mahant Manjit Singh visited residence of Sher e Poonch, former MLC Late Yashpal Sharma and offered his condolences to

the bereaved family members.

Mahant Manjeet Singh offered Ardas for the departed soul and prayed to Almighty to bestow peace upon the departed soul of Yashpal Sharma. He also

prayed to Almighty to give courage to the family members and his well wishers to bear this irreparable loss.

He described Yashpal Sharma as an extraordinary human being and leader of masses who throughout his life worked tirelessly for the welfare of downtrodden and for maintaining communal harmony among the communities. Mahant S. Manjeet Singh urged the family of Yashpal Sharma to continue the good work for the welfare of the common man and society. Mahant was accompanied by S. Narinder Singh, President, SGPC Poonch, Onkar Singh Isher President, Purani Poonch Gurudwara committee and others.

Chairperson DDC Ramban calls on LG

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JAMMU: Shamshad Shan, Chairperson District Development Council Ramban on Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The DDC Chairperson accompanied by DDC members, Gulshan Parveen and Bashir Ahmad Runyal, submitted memoranda to the Lt Governor which included several issues and demands regarding the developmental needs and welfare of the people of Ramban.

The demands included construction of Sports Stadium in the hilly area of Lamber Banihal and Sangaldan; employing locals in the projects of railway construction and national highways; restoration of Chachawah-Ind water supply scheme;

construction of bridge over Chappran Nallah at Haroge, besides creation of Tourism Development Authority for promoting tourism in Ramban, augmentation of power supply and other demands.

The Lt Governor while discussing the issues and demands presented by the Chairperson and members of DDC Ramban assured them of appropriate action by the concerned quarters of the line departments, for the redressal of genuine issues on merit.

The Lt Governor urged the PRI representatives to continue their endeavours for promoting public welfare issues and addressing the needs of people with active involvement in the decision-making process at the grass root level.

Ch Chhotu Ram was Messiah of humanity, quintessence of social service: Johal

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KATRA: The role played by Ch Chhotu Ram in uplifting the life and status of poor peasants is significant and therefore he is remembered as epitome of social service and a 'Messiah of Humanity'.

This was stated by Sarabjit Singh Johal, DDC Member Rangarh and President Ch Chhotu Ram Jat Sabha, J&K during the birth anniversary celebrations of Ch Chhotu Ram here on Saturday on the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami.

The DDC Member said that Ch Chhotu Ram was a well known political representative of his times who played a significant role in bailing out poor people and farmers from the tyranny of the oppressors. He said that the Bhakra Nangal Project has become a reality because



Sarabjit Singh Johal, DDC Member Rangarh and others during birth anniversary celebrations of Ch Chhotu Ram.

of his vision and efforts.

Earlier, SS Johal along with BDC Chairman Rangarh, Darshan Choudhary, Balwinder Singh, Nirmal Choudhary, Daljeet Singh and Master Santosh Kumar paid rich tributes to Ch Chhotu Ram.

Johal said that Ch Chhotu Ram Jat Sabha is constructing a Dharamshala at Katra with an estimated cost of Rs 25 crore for the pilgrims of the holy cave shrine of Maa

Vaishno Devi. He said that about 50 rooms and two banquet halls are in the completion stage and will be dedicated to people by the end of 2022. He said that accomplishing the cause of providing hassle-free facilities to the community members and devotees of Mata Vaishno Devi is the sole aim of the Sabha and every member is giving his or her 100 percent to fulfill the objective as soon as possible.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of works under District Capex Plan



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the physical and financial progress made under District Capex budget 2021-22.

Officers present in the meeting included CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; SE PWD, ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed;

ExEn PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; ExEn PDD Rajouri, Narotam Kumar; ExEn PMGSY Rajouri, Subash Chander; ExEn PMGSY Budhal, Abdul Gani and other concerned officers.

The DDC took a comprehensive review of the physical and financial achievements of the works being executed by different departments including Jal Shakti, PDD, PMGSY, PWD RDD, Ground water, Health and Education under the

District Capex budget in the district.

The meeting was informed that an amount of Rs 919 crores have been approved under District Capex budget for the financial year 2021-22 against which an expenditure of 11 percent has been incurred till date.

Taking note of the meagre expenditure of funds, the DDC asked the concerned officers to ensure that the funds are utilised timely.

Taking sector wise stock

of the progress, he directed the concerned officer to take immediate steps to tender all the works so that the funds provided for the execution of the developmental projects are utilised well within the time.

The meeting was informed that under B2V3 929 works are being executed by RDD, Jal Shakti, PDD and Ground water in the district. It was also apprised that out of 827 works under RDD, 547 works have been allotted and 174 works have been completed. Similarly, 07 works are being executed by Jal Shakti and 14 works by PDD. Regarding the works being executed by the Groundwater department, the meeting was told that against the target of installing 81 handpumps 50 have been completed in all respects.

GDC Akhnoor celebrates Basant Panchmi

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AKHNOOR: Department of Sanskrit, GDC Akhnoor celebrated Basant Panchmi on Saturday by organizing various online activities under the guidance of Dr. Namrata, Principal, GDC Akhnoor. The program began with an introductory remark by the worthy Principal of the college. She highlighted the relevance of celebrating this day. It was followed by a key note address by Dr. Sandhya, HoD Sanskrit, GDC Akhnoor.

In this program students have presented their views through poems, Saraswati vandan and essays. The program was attended by the faculty and students members from different colleges. The Vote of thanks was presented and activity was coordinated by Dr. Pushpinder Kumar, Department of Sanskrit, GDC Akhnoor.

Youth Wing JKPC holds meet, discusses various public issues



JKPC State Vice President Youth Wing Er. Ryldham Singh and others after meeting.

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POONCH: Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference under the supervision of State Vice President Youth Wing Er. Ryldham Singh held a meeting of youth workers in Mangar area of border district Poonch and discussed various issues faced by common masses.

Youth workers among Sumit Kumar, Prince Kumar; Akshay

verma, Pritpal Singh, Baljinder Singh, Aman Kumar, Pralot Singh, Ankush Kumar and others took part in the meeting and highlighted problems faces by common people in this far-flung and backward areas. They said that the majority population of rural areas have been neglected by other political parties since independence, most of the people are deprived of basic necessities like drinking water, proper power supply, road connectivity, quality education system and other basic needs. They have further urged

by Er. Ryldham Singh to straighten party at grass root level. Ryldham said that the People's Conference has clear and cut developing manifesto and all workers are directed to aware general public about the agenda of the party so that the party can be strengthened at zero level. Er. Ryldham on the occasion has said that JKPC will form government Under the dynamic leadership of Sajad Ghani Lone and people of these far-flung and border areas will be given their fundamental right, basic necessities.

840 vaccinated, 3,962 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per the District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh the Health Department on Saturday administered Covid vaccine doses to 840 people including 358 children in the 15-17 year age group across the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the

Enforcement teams today fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs. 36,200 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 88,54,050. The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physi-

cal distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 3962 samples including 699 RT-PCR and 3263 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 840 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

who is deity of knowledge and get rid of lethargy struggling and ignorance.

Dr. Romesh Kr. Gupta, Principal of the college stressed upon the importance of the festival symbolising the harbinger of spring. It is celebrated all over India with great pomp and show.

In this competition, First place was bagged by Beenash kouser-Sem-1st, Manvi Sharma of sem 3rd earned second place, Third place was bagged by Pankaj Singh of sem 5th. The programme ended with vote of thanks given by Priyanka Kumari NSS PO. All teaching and non-teaching staff had also joined online on this occasion.

DDC Ramban reviews progress on dev works under ADF Plan, other sectors

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RAMBAN: To review the physical and financial status of the works taken up under District Capex Plan, 2021-22, and other schemes, District Development Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, chaired a meeting of all Sectoral/District Officers in his office chamber on Saturday.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Sharma; CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal; ACD, Zameer Rishi; ACP, Swran Singh; CMO, CEO, Executive Engineers, BDOs and officers of REW attended the meeting.



DDC Ramban, Mussarat Islam chairing a meeting.

During the meeting, the DDC took a comprehensive review of the progress on various developmental projects sanctioned under Area Development Fund in all 11 blocks of the district.

The DDC directed BDOs

to ensure completion of all works sanctioned under DDC, BDC and Panchayat Area Development Fund within set deadlines. He stressed on maintaining close coordination with Engineers and field staff of

DDC Chairperson reviews progress of Area Development Plan works in Block Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Development Council Chairman, Lal Chand on Saturday reviewed the progress of development projects being executed by different departments under Area Development Capex budget plan in the Udhampur Block.

The district heads briefed the chair about the current status of developmental activities undertaken by their respective departments.

The DDC Chairperson directed the line departments to work in coordination with the PRIs for a holistic development. He also stressed that the next year's plan must focus on the priority sectors, asset and employment generation



DDC Chairman, Lal Chand chairing a meeting at Udhampur.

works. He asked them to speed up the pace of work to complete the same within the stipulated time frame. He emphasised to mobilize all available resources productively and effectively for achieving desired results.

During the meeting, various issues hampering the speed of work were also discussed with the concerned PRIs of Block Udhampur. The PRIs assured their full

cooperation to the line departments for achieving the desired goal and timely completion of the projects.

The meeting was attended by BDC Chairman Udhampur, Balwan Singh, DDC Councillor, Puran Chand, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Ranjit Singh Kotwal and other district officers besides PRIs of the Block were present on the occasion.

Army establishes skill development centre

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BHADARWAH: Army established a Skill Development Centre for men and women at Bhaderwah and Gundoh. Various courses like Computer Training, Tailoring and Stitching Course, Beautician Course and Pickle Making Course are being run in this Centre.

A total of 231 people including 34 men and 197 women will be imparted requisite training with an aim to make them self dependent and

encourage them towards self employment.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by army and local villagers.

The women folk expressed their desire for conduct of more skill development classes in future so that maximum women can benefit from it.

The effort of Indian Army will go long way in helping the unemployed youths of the area to find gainful employment and to be bread earners for their families.

Army conducts pre-recruitment training for youth

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DODA: Army established a Pre - Recruitment Training Node at Sohanda which imparted pre recruitment training to young aspirants passionate to join the Armed forces. This initiative for providing an opportunity to the youth to fulfill their dreams and aspirations for a promising future witnessed an overwhelming number of volunteers from Bhaderwah, Marmat and Gundoh areas of Doda District.

The training was conducted with the preliminary physical and medical examinations. Subsequently, it was followed by providing training on a wide range of aspects required for the recruitment like physical tests, reasoning and general awareness written tests. It was conducted in three phases of 45 days each and was successfully culminated on 31 Jan 22. Participants expressed that Indian Army has taken a positive initiative to train them in the pre-recruitment training. The local Awam appreciated the Indian Army in motivating and promoting their children to do well in life.

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