

Nowshera pays tributes to fallen heroes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NOWSHERA: Army organised military ceremonies at Jadunath Memorial, Naushera to commemorate the gallant action and supreme sacrifice of Naik Jadunath Singh, and countless other martyrs. The ceremonies were a true reflection of the military grandeur and patriotic fervor.

The gallant action of Naik Jadunath Singh and his section on picket No 2 at Tain Dhar was one of the fiercest battles fought in the 1947-48 India-Pak War. The section laid down their lives to repel three fierce attacks by enemy in overwhelming numerical superiority but could not break down the will and determination of Naik Jadunath Singh's section. The outstanding valour displayed by Naik Jadunath Singh and his section laid the foundation for defence Of Nowshera and the victory achieved was the turning



Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, GOC White Knight Corps saluting at war memorial.

point in the battle of 1947-48. The wreath laying ceremony and an excellent display by the military band rekindled the patriotic sentiment of all present. The occasion was honored by the presence of Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, General Officer Commanding White Knight Corps, Major

General Rajeev Puri, General Officer Commanding Ace of Spades Division and Brigadier Kapil Rana Commander Nowshera Brigade, amongst the other prominent civil and military dignitaries.

Multi-Specialty Medical Camp and Artificial Limb Donation camp were also organized as part of remembrance under which 19 x Wheel Chairs, 18 x Artificial Limbs, 02 x Crutches, 14 x Hearing Aids and 16 x Blind Sticks donated to beneficiaries from the Nowshera Sub division. In addition, an eye screening camp by renowned Retina Specialist from Rotary Eye Hospital was also organized for free checkup of the locals. The event concluded with a felicitation of Veer Naris, Gallantry award winners & Bal Sainiks. The event highlighted the bonhomie between the military, civil administration and the locals, which shall always be guiding beacon for all.

MUSS organises cleanliness drive in Raj Hans Park



MUSS volunteers carrying-out cleanliness drive.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Manav Uttan Seva Samiti (MUSS) organised a cleanliness drive in the premises of Raj Hans Park in District Hospital Udhampur on Sunday in

order to maintain cleanliness. Volunteers of MUSS organized cleanliness drive in the premises of district hospital and the drive was launched under the supervision of Mahatma Samta Bai in which a large num-

ber of volunteers uprooted the decay grass and removed the garbage and waste material from Park. Volunteers of MUSS started cleanliness drive right at morning hours and completely make clean the park. Those who participated in drive were councilor Neha Verma, Suram Chand Thapa, Hari Chand, retcd capt. NR Kudyal, Capt DC Pathania, Ved Parkash, Parshotam Singh, Baldee Chand, Ranjit Singh, Satish Kumar, Manik Kumar, Lalita Devi, Bholi Devi, Renu Devi, Anjali Sharma, Makhna Devi, Sunita Devi, Vidya Devi and Raj Kumar.

Army organises online painting & drawing competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NOWSHERA: Army on Sunday organised an online drawing competition' on Sunday for the students in Kalal and nearby villages to keep the students constructively engaged during the current phase of COVID-19 and encourage their creativity among the students and channelise the energy in right direction. The students were informed regarding the time, materials to be used for the drawings competition. The children expressed their happiness and joy for participation in the event. Such events being organised on a regular basis are the testimony of the relentless efforts made by the Indian Army to strengthen the bond between the local populace and the Indian Army. The competition on the occasion of world creativity and innovation day was immensely appreciated by the students and parents alike. The activity of this nature keeps the mind thinking and constantly evolving.



Kishtwar Admn conducts anti-encroachment, CAB enforcement drive in Municipal area

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Kishtwar Administration on the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Sharma and under the close supervision of Tehsildar Pramod Kumar today conducted an anti-encroachment and COVID Appropriate Behaviour Enforcement Drive in the Municipal area.

A team of Municipal officials headed by Tax Inspector Bahar Ahmed Giri along with police party removed the encroachments on the foot paths alongside the National highway jointly visited the Municipal area from Tehsil office to Malipeth, which were causing hindrances in the smooth movement of public.

Besides the illegal encroachment articles/material like racks signboards etc were also seized and kept in the custody of MC Kishtwar.

The enforcement team imposed fine on the shopkeepers and the public found without wearing masks. The unhygienic stuff found in mutton/chicken/vegetable shops were also destroyed on the spot. The encroachers were warned of strict legal action on repeating the encroachments on the Govt land. Officials informed that the District administration is going to continue the drive regarding removal of encroachments on regular basis.

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AKHNOOR: Government at the centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is genuinely concerned for the safety and security of the people living along the India-Pakistan borders as well as welfare of the farmers. Concrete bunkers have been constructed in border villages, where people can shift their families to escape firing from across the borders. Today border areas have better road connectivity and other means of communication.

Rekha Mahahan, Secretary Jammu and Kashmir BJP & Akhnoor District Prabhari, said



Rekha Mahajan, Secretary J&K BJP & Akhnoor District Prabhari and others during the meeting.

this while interacting with the inhabitants of Khour mandal, along with party activists of the area.

Rekha said that majority of the people living along the borders belong to the farming community

and various schemes launched for the farmers by Modi government from time to time are also reaching them.

The farmers are getting financial assistance under PM Kissan Samman Nidhi and in this year's

Congress flays UT Govt for withdrawal of different posts

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Senior Congress leader Sumeet Magotra widely condemned the biased attitude and approach adopted by JKUT Govt. for cancellation of different posts already been referred to Public Service Commission (PSC). While addressing a press conference in Udhampur on Sunday, Sumeet Magotra strongly criticized J&K UT Govt for a recent order in which Govt asked General Administration Department (GAD) to release a order of cancellation of all posts referred to PSC and Public Selection Board before 30th October 2019. He said that in May 2015 selection process of many posts has been completed including written and interview even the process of verifi-



Senior Congress leader Sumeet Magotra briefing media.

cation and thousands of successful candidates are waiting for their selection lists. Magotra said it is unfortunate that after six years a dictatorial order has issued by J&K UT Govt of cancellation of these posts, which is injustice with unemployed youths. He further said that it was also learnt that some selection lists which are under the consideration at

Courts due to some reasons are also cancelled by Govt. Congress leader also said that under fresh notification of the mentioned posts, anyone from outside States can also participate for job. Congress leader warned Govt. that if these kind of anti youth orders will not stopped then Congress will resort to launch an agitation against the Govt.

All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha discusses arrangements for general body elections

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: A meeting of general body of All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha was held today on Sunday at Kabir Bhawan Chak-Avtara Bishnah. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the general body elections of the Sabha & arrangements for the Murti-sthapana of Sant kabir on February 13, 2022 at Kabir Bhawan Bishnah. Besides the issue of necessary amendments in the constitution of the Sabha was also discussed at length as some of its provisions presently are in-effective and outdated with the passage of the time. EC Bhagat, President of the Sabha welcomed the participants and put forth the agenda for deliberations and after thorough discussion it was decided that an election committee shall be formed soon who shall initiated the process for fresh elections in a democratic manner. Besides the statue of Sadguru Kabir Sahib is also going to be installed at the Kabir

Bhawan Bishnah on February 13, 2022. A procession in the form of a jhanki carrying the statue of Kabir Sahib shall be started from Bari-Brahma Chowk at 11 am on feb, 13,2022 and shall culminate at the Kabir Bhawan, Chak-Avtara. Other issues were also discussed in the meeting regarding the completion of the building and starting of the coaching classes at the Kabir bhawan at an earliest so as to give a support to the deserving students who cannot afford high fees at the private institutions. Prominent personalities of the sabha who give their viewpoints on the occasion were Sh G R Bhagat, IAS Retd, Sr Vice- president of the Sabha, O.P Bhagat, Manohar Lal General secretary, Tirth Ram Distt President Kabir sabha district Samba, Dr Gurdass Bhagat chairman litigation committee, Bodh Raj Ex.engg, Surinder Bhagat President Distt Reasi, Ashwani Kumar Block President, Sunil Chagathia.

Modi Govt concerned for border people, farmers: Rekha



Rekha Mahajan, Secretary J&K BJP & Akhnoor District Prabhari and others during the meeting.

budget, a provision of Rs 68 thousand crore has been made, which is more than the previous year. This will give direct benefit to about 11 crore farmers of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Rekha further said that the Union Government has resolved to develop the villages on India's borders, for which holistic approach is adopted. Such villages will have electricity, water & others facilities. For this purpose, a special provision has been made in the budget.

She said that the PM in his Atam Nirbhar

Arthvyavstha address, mentioned that In the last budget, the government ensured the facility of Kissan Rail and Kissan Udan and now Kisan Drone is going to be the new companion of the farmers. Through Drone technolog real time data of production will also be available.

Help will also be given through NABARD to fund the start-ups associated with it. She termed the decision of the government to introduce new technology in farming as a step to make agriculturalists adopt new methods and to reduce burden on them.

It is praiseworthy to know that big steps have been taken in this year's budget to make the Indian agriculture technology-based and chemical-free, she said.

Narinder Singh Bhau, State Executive Member, District Vice President Anu Manhas, Sukhdev Singh Mandal President Khour, Balinder Singh, Mandal President Pargwal, Deepak singh Corporator, Depty Ram, Chairman Municipality Khour, Capt Yashpal Singh (Sarpanch), Arjun Pandit, Capt Shamsheer Singh, Ward members and others were present on the occasion.

Chairman DDC Rajouri seeks people's cooperation in development process

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: In continuation to his endeavour to redress people's grievances at their doorsteps, District Development Council Chairman Rajouri, Choudhary Naseem Liaquat on Sunday held a public outreach camp here at Kherian, Bai-Nambal.

The public and their representatives apprised the Chairman about scores of issues and demands of their areas. They demanded macadamization of roads, up-gradation of schools, better health services, meeting

paucity of staff in Govt institutions and other related issues.

In his address, the Chairman said that the District Development Council is making persistent efforts to provide quality services to the common masses, that too at their doorsteps to ensure that they don't face any inconvenience.

"The District Development Council is working through vision and mission on its way to all round development of the district", he added.

The Chairman directed the officers to work with a mis-

sionary zeal so that the people of the area may not be deprived of getting their genuine demands.

He also asked them to gear up their field machinery and ensure that the difficulties of the people are addressed and resolved at the earliest.

The Chairman also appealed to the public to ensure their active participation in the developmental process to take the district to new heights of development.

He also assured the public that all their grievances have been documented and all their genuine concerns

would be redressed in a phased manner with the intervention of the concerned departments.

The Chairman also appealed to the public to keep following the COVID appropriate behaviours to avert the third wave in the district.

Later, the Chairman visited Targain with police officials to condole the demise of a local youth who was allegedly murdered. He directed the police officials to swiftly investigate the matter and bring the culprit to the book.

Widows & Veer Nari grievance redressal meet held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Indian Army has continued to maintain strong bonds with its Veterans, Veer Naris and Widows. To assist the Widows and Veer Naris of the region, the Indian Army conducted a 'Widows and Veer Naris Grievance Redressal Meet' at Daraba, Poonch District. The interaction provided a platform wherein their concerns could be heard and necessary corrective measures be initiated with relevant authorities. The ladies were grateful to the Indian Army for organizing the event and helping them overcome their challenges.

GCW Udhampur hosts devotional song competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: To mark the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, the Department of Music, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur organized an Inter-College devotional song competition through virtual mode.

Principal of the college Prof Minu Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion.

While highlighting the importance of Basant Panchami, the chief guest said that the festival is generally regarded as the beginning of spring and pale yellow flowers come out in the field. Basant Panchami is also a festival that honors Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music and art, she added.

She appreciated the music department for

organizing the program and conveyed her greetings to the staff and students. She said that the competition has enabled the students to showcase their talent on a common platform, which will help them to build confidence.

As many as 29 Students from different colleges participated in the devotional song competition.

In the competition, Mansi Bandral of Semester 1st of Government College of Education, Jammu was adjudged best singer; Sulekha Devi and Semester 3rd of GCW Udhampur bagged 2nd position, while third position was shared by Tamanna Devi, Semester 1st from GCW Udhampur and Akshay Kumar Balgotra Semester 3rd from Govt. Degree College(Boys) Udhampur. Bhagya lakshmi Semester

1st of Government College of Education, Jammu and Diksha Sharma Semester 3rd of Government College of Education, Jammu were given consolation prizes.

Earlier, Head of Department Music, Associate Professor, Dr Seema Sharma threw light upon the significance of Basant Panchami. She said that these types of events provide a platform to budding singers and prepare them for future challenges.

The event was coordinated by Assistant Prof. Shailu Jasrotia and Assistant Prof. Yash Kumar of the Department of Music GCW Udhampur.

The Devotional Song Competition was adjudged by the panel of experts in music including Assistant Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Dr. Mukteshi Sharma and Anita Sharma.

Basant Panchami festival celebrated with gaiety in Kathua schools

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KATHUA: On the auspicious occasion of 'Basant Panchami', the Education department of district Kathua celebrated the festival fervently by organizing a host of events in different schools of the district.

Events like cultural presentations, traditional songs, classical dances, poetry, speeches, crafts, drawing & poster-making contests amongst students at schools etc. were organized across the district.

Basant Panchami is also marked as the Day of the arrival of summer season and the inflow of outside.

Welcoming the summer season, teachers and students were also seen enjoying kite flying in many institutions. Most of the teachers & students came to the schools in yellow clothes. Students also participated in traditional hobbies like kite making.

Prakash Lal Thapa, CEO Kathua, while highlighting the importance of Basant Panchami, appreciated this effort of the HOIs and also called for celebrating all the festivals related to Indian culture in schools and informing the children about the importance and significance of that particular day.

Monika Khosla, head of District Cultural and Education Cell, Kathua thanked all the Zonal coordinators for celebrating Basant Panchami on a wide scale.

The students evinced

great enthusiasm in celebrating the day in GHSS Budhi, GHSS Basantpur, GHSS Hatli, GMS Chack Rjju, GHS Jakhbar, GHSS Nagri Parole, GHS Lower Badholi, GHSS Sunwan, GHS Sandhar, GHSS Bhaddu, GHSS Nagri Parole, GHSS Ramkot, GHSS kathera, GHSS Sallan, GHSS PArnalla, GHSS Govindsar, GHS Barnoti, GHS Jaglote, GHSS Chandwan, GHS Rajbagh, GHS Uehapind, GHS Lower Rajwalta, PMS Dhanyal, GHS Dhanjdsdhar, GMS Kheri, GHSS Mahanpur etc.

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Country successfully overcoming third wave of pandemic: Langeh

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RAMBAN: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former MLA Ramban, Neelam Langeh has said that it is due to timely initiative taken by the BJP Government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the country is successfully overcoming the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In a statement issued to media on Sunday, Langeh said that the number of fresh Covid-19 positive cases reported continues to maintain a declining trend and more than that the recovery rate is showing a significant improvement. He said that given the progress made during this third wave in overcoming the challenge schools, gyms and other establishments have been opened in the National Capital with full capacity and that he was sure that educational insti-

tutions, recreational facilities besides other establishments will soon open in Jammu and Kashmir too.

Highlighting that acting swiftly after the outbreak of the pandemic and going for massive detection of positive cases across the country, the senior BJP leader said that the Central Government had imposed timely country-wide lockdown to break the chain of the virus during the first wave besides creating huge medical infrastructure right upto Tehsil levels which has proved to be a boon in fight against the deadly virus during the second and ongoing third wave thus saving the precious lives of the people.

The senior BJP leader urged the people to strictly follow SOPs and CAB despite a declining trend in Covid-19 cases because the virus is still alive. Attachments area.

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