

## DPAP urges Govt to pay attention towards Udhampur sports stadium



DPAP workers staging protest at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: DPAP District President Ashwani Khajuria and Ashwani Khajuria and State Secretary Priti Khajuria urged the local administration and JKUT to pay due attention towards development of Subash Stadium Udhampur. Priti while showing her concern said that for the last 5 years condition of this stadium is getting worse and the UT Govt is not waking up.

Priti said that Govt. is playing with the future of the future players of Udhampur. On one hand JKUT Govt is bringing many programs related to sports, while on the other hand, if the condition of the sports stadium is very miserable. She added merely by giving sports equipment, a child cannot play unless

there are good and better stadiums and trainers for sports. She further added that many a times she raised this issue every time in the My town my pride programme also and apart from this, this issue was also raised in the Janata Darbar, but till date nothing has been done on it. While Ashwani said that till date crores of rupees have been spent in this stadium but if they are not visible then is that money limited to books or something else. The work in the stadium starts as quickly as it stops. He said that on one hand the government talks about creating a drug-free city and diverting children towards sports, while on the other hand the condition of the stadium is going from bad to worse. Ashwani Khajuria said that

the engineer wing attached to the stadium should also be investigated because the Soil worth crores has been poured and it is not known from where. J&K Sports Council only given priority to Jammu City and Kashmir city Udhampur is always ignored, so don't people live in Udhampur?

Ashwani Khajuria said that if the UT Govt does not pay attention to this now, then even more violent protests will be held in the coming days.

Others who present were city youth president Saksham Seth, Arun Sharma, Akash Sandhu, Muzamil, Amit Khajuria, Arbaaz Bali, Saqib Chandel, Rukman Bashir, Ashish Kumar, Sushant Kumar, Arun Sharma and Krishan Singh.

## Principal Secretary emphasises on maintaining spiritual, architectural integrity while executing development plans

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AKHNOOR: As a sequel to government initiatives towards preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and tourism in the region, Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, conducted an extensive inspection of historic and cultural landmarks of Akhnor.

The principal Secretary visited the Ancient Buddhist site at Ambaran, known for its archaeological significance and potential to attract heritage enthusiasts. He assessed the site's current status and discussed strategies for its conservation and enhanced accessibility to the public.

The tour also included a visit to the majestic Akhnor Fort, a historical marvel that stands as a testament to the region's historical past. He took stock of fort's current



Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta during visit to Akhnor.

condition and explored possibilities for its restoration and development as a prime attraction for history buffs and tourists alike.

While visiting both of these sites, he directed the Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Srinagar Circle, Manoj Kumar Joshi, to explore possibilities for attracting students and tourists to these sites.

The Principal Secretary also

visited the site for Maharaja Gulab Singh Library and issued directions to the director, Directorate of Libraries and Research, J&K for early submission of DPR so that the work on this library could be started at the earliest.

He also participated in the National Art Camp organised by Master Sansar Chand Baru Charitable Trust in collaboration with Petronet LNG Limited, Ministry of

Petroleum, as chief guest and interacted with the artists and students.

While commending the work being carried out by the trust under Anuradha Rishi for promoting visual art in rural areas, he said that such camps act as therapy for stress in today's busy world and emphasized focusing on traditional art of the Jammu region.

The visit culminated at Kameshwar Temple, an ancient site of religious and historical significance.

Gupta discussed plans to enhance the temple's infrastructure while maintaining its spiritual and architectural integrity, aiming to make it a key destination for pilgrims and cultural tourists.

Throughout the visit, Gupta engaged with local authorities, historians and conservation experts to

## Bhatnagar for strengthening inter-departmental coordination to meet necessary physical, financial targets



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing a meeting at Doda.

gear up their efforts for timely completion of important projects and improving public service delivery in the district. He advocated for strengthening inter-departmental coordination to meet necessary physical and financial targets.

He reiterated that the best possible quality education and healthcare is topmost priority of the UT Government and we must be committed towards providing excellent quality services to the common citizens.

The Advisor noted significant improvements in the health and education sectors, particularly high-

lighting the exemplary performance of the health sector at the national level. He highlighted the government's commitment to carrying out all activities sincerely and dedicatedly for the benefit of the common people.

The Advisor expressed satisfaction about the substantial progress observed across all sectors in the district, underlining that the Lieutenant Governor is personally looking for the implementation of various schemes for the overall welfare of citizens of UT.

He remarked that that the approach of present LG led Administration is systematic, organised, scientific and the UT has witnessed unprecedented development under his leadership.

During the meeting, DC Doda, Harvinder Singh briefed the Advisor on various departmental issues and emphasized outcomes in public interest.

The meeting, among others was attended by Chairman DDC, Dhananter Singh Kotwal; Vice Chairperson DDC Sangeeta Rani; Deputy Commissioner, Doda Harvinder Singh; SSP Doda Javid Iqbal; ADDC Doda Pran Singh; ADC Doda Sudershan Kumar; SE PWD, DPO ICDS, other district and sectoral officers.

During the meeting, issues raised by DDC Councillors were addressed promptly, with a commitment to resolve them at the earliest.

The Advisor, during the visit, also interacted with people from different walks of life to take first hand appraisal of their issues, concerns as well as sought feedback of various

government run schemes and developmental activities in the district from the public.

The public deputations and representatives from various areas of the district raised issues and grievances before the Advisor.

While interacting with these deputations, Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that all of their genuine grievances would be resolved promptly for the welfare of the entire district.

Meanwhile, during the sidelines of the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar handed over 20 computers to the education department for various schools.

Later on, Advisor Bhatnagar inspected the teaching hospital of GMC Doda and emergency ward of Associated Hospital GMC Doda. He interacted with the faculty and patients in the hospital and gave prompt directions for improving the healthcare services and infrastructure of the hospital.

## MVD Jammu holds awareness programme on Road Safety at GDC Khour

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KHOUR: NSS & NCC units of Govt Degree College Khour in Collaboration with Motor vehicle Department/RTO Jammu organized an awareness cum Sensitization programme on Road Safety in connection with the observation of National Road Safety month under the theme "Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha".

The Chief Guest of the event was Esha Chib, ARTO Jammu. While addressing the students on the occasion, ARTO Jammu, Esha Chib shared some key aspects of Road Safety viz, Understanding the meaning of traffic signs and signals, knowing and adhering to the speed limit to prevent accidents, anticipating potential hazards from defensive drivers, importance of wearing helmet/Seat belt while driving



Trophies being given to winner students.

etc.

Surinder Kumar, Insp. MVD displayed video presentation to students regarding road safety. Ten students of the College participated in the symposium on the topic "Concern for Road Safety". The Senior faculty members of the College Prof Jozafeen Afzal & Prof. Seema Sudhan acted as Jury members. Speaking on the event, Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) T. K Sharma urged the students to be responsible

citizens and obey traffic rules to ensure safety on roads. The programme culminated with the distribution of certificate of participation to all the participants and first three winners namely Shagun Choudhary, Bhavana Sharma & Mansi Sharma respectively were felicitated with mementos. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof Chetan Sharma. The whole event was managed by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria NSS PO & Prof. Shivani Sharma NCC ANO.

## CEO Reasi emphasizes on stress-free environment & moral education



CEO Reasi, Sunita Bali, flagging off group of students from Govt. High School Panasa for IIT.

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REASI: Chief Education Officer of Reasi, Sunita Bali, undertook a surprise visit to Govt. Middle School Sherpur, where she engaged with both students and staff members.

During her interactive session, Sunita Bali underscored the importance of fostering a stress-free and conducive learning environment for the students. She emphasized

sized the need for educators to prioritize creating an atmosphere that nurtures holistic growth and academic excellence. Furthermore, she directed the school administration to integrate moral lessons into the morning assembly sessions, aiming to instill values and ethics among the student body. In addition to addressing the educational ethos of the

institution.

Bali flagged off a group of students from Govt. High School Panasa to embark on a field visit to the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). This initiative is aimed at broadening the horizons of the students, exposing them to real-world applications of their academic pursuits, and inspiring them to aspire for excellence in their chosen fields.

The visit by Sunita Bali has been lauded by the school community as a significant step towards enhancing the quality of education and overall development of the students. Her proactive approach towards ensuring a holistic educational experience reflects her dedication to empowering the youth and strengthening the educational landscape in Reasi.

## RDD Secretary emphasises on convergent planning under CSSs

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SAMBA: In a bid to assess progress on ongoing schemes and finalise outline for Rural Development Planning in Samba district, Secretary Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on Saturday underscored the critical need for enhanced convergence with different departments, particularly agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr Shahid, while chairing a meeting here conducted a comprehensive review of various initiatives and projects aimed at bolstering rural infrastructure and livelihood opportunities, through sectoral convergence.

The agenda encompassed a wide array of issues including advancements made under flagship schemes like MGNREGA and PMAY(G), the current status of rural



Secretary RDD Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary chairing a meeting at Samba.

sanitation initiatives, door-to-door waste collection and timely disbursement of wages.

Additionally, the meeting assesses progress achieved under ABPS, Project UNNATI, Geo-tagging of assets, Food Grains storage units, and the District Convergence Plan of MGNREGA. Besides, Aadhar seeding, Amrit Sarovars, UT Capex review, SBM(G) and IWMP were also discussed in detail.

Emphasizing the importance of livelihood genera-

tion and sustainable operation and maintenance of assets, the Secretary called for concerted efforts in these areas.

The Secretary highlighted the significance of forward linkages in door-to-door waste collection and stressed the need of expediting the construction of Panchayat Ghars.

Timely payment of wages emerged as a crucial aspect, with Dr Shahid emphasizing its pivotal role in ensuring the effectiveness of rural

development initiatives. He advocated innovation and a futuristic approach in creation of rural infrastructure.

He directed the Block Development Officers (BDOs) to conduct monthly convergence meetings with other stakeholders to foster collaboration and synergy in implementation.

The Secretary also inspected the ongoing works at the DDC building in Samba and visited the model Panchayat Pali in Bari-Brahmana block.

Earlier, a detailed presentation was made by the Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma, highlighting performance of the district on Key Performance Indicators of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Rural Development Sector. He also assured for collaborated efforts of all departments in ensuring convergence for rural development planning and leveraging the funding available under CSSs like MGNREGA, SBM and IWMP.

Director Rural Development Jammu, Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, Director Panchayati Raj, Sham Lal, Additional Secretary Rural Development Department, Waseem Raja, along with other senior officers from the District administration Samba.

## BSF Khanetar Bn organises awareness programme regarding Nasha Mukht Bharat

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POONCH: BSF Khanetar Battalion on Saturday organised an awareness programme regarding Nasha Mukht Bharat at High School Khanetar.

Firstly a Nasha Mukht Pledge was taken by students and teachers of High School



Khanetar and awareness lecture by BSF and Civil Doctors later on Skit was organized by students of the school followed by an awareness rally by students and childrens of school which started from High school Khanetar and after passing through various markets culminated at Khanetar Chowk.

The motto of the rally is to aware peoples about harmful effect of Intoxication (Nasha) students during

the rally students raised slogans against harmful effect of Intoxication Sarfraz Chouhan, a local of Khanetar interacting with media said on the directions of Government of India BSF Khanetar Bn organized series of programme on nasha Mukht Bharat in which we take a pledge and later on organized an awareness rally he said the motto is to aware peoples about harmful effect of Intoxication (Nasha).

## Ajeet demands Rs 30 lakh compensation for Hakoo accident victims

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KISHTWAR: Jammu and Kashmir National Confrance Sr. Leader, Spokesperson Ajeet Bhagat expressed grief on the road accident on the side of Hakoo Paddar area of Kishtwar District.

The National Confrance Sr. Leader Ajeet Bhagat said that the accident should be investigated as soon as possible and added that after all the government has adopted the slogan of Digital Country. Years have passed but there has been no change in the Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban districts of Chenab Valley Zone and people are giving their

lives due to these dilapidated roads, but the government is not paying attention to these accidents and is our Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone.

The families of the families are forced to live the lives of orphans.

Ajeet Bhagat appealed to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo to provide 30 lakh Compensation to the families of the bereaved as soon as possible and to provide Government Jobs in every house and to look after the roads of the Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone.

## Health awareness camp held at Nowshera Bus Stand

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NOWSHERA: As a part of National Road Safety Month, a medical camp was organised by ARTO Rajouri Pawan Sharma and team in collaboration with the Health Department organised a health awareness camp at Nowshera Main Bus Stand in which the DDC Seri Sangeeta Sharma was Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion she expressed thanks for the awareness camp organized by the team of Traffic Department ARTO Rajouri.

ARTO Rajouri Pawan Sharma said that under the National Road Safety Month from 15 January to 14 February 2024, the



Dignitaries taking pledge during the programme.

traffic department is organizing awareness camps in various areas of district Rajouri to make drivers aware about following the traffic rules. On this occasion, Tehsildar Ram Pal Sharma, former counselor Sanjeev Dutta, Mohammad Afzal, social

workers Vinod Sharma, Rakesh Chaudhary etc. advised the drivers to follow the Road Safety Act. Rajeev Kundal MCI, Rahul Singh MCI, Mohammad Shafiq SI Traffic Department and a large number of people were present.

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