

Mandeep Kaur addresses public issues, concerns at Sanasar

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RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, on Monday convened an extensive public outreach programme to assess and address the public issues and concerns at Sanasar.

The outreach programme, organized by the district administration under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, aimed to facilitate locals to highlight their issues and seek solution.

The event was attended by District Development Council Chairperson, Dr. Shamshad Shan along with DDC members, Director Housing and Urban Development Department, CEO PDA, ACR, ACD, GM DIC, CEO, CMO, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, Cluster Head J&K Bank and other district officers, prominent citizens besides general public.

The Commissioner Secretary said that these



Commissioner Secretary, HUDD Mandeep Kaur speaking during Public Darbar.

public darbars are being organized across the Union Territory under the directions of Lieutenant Governor, aimed at gathering direct feedback, issues and aspirations from the grassroots level besides addressing the issues of local populace at their doorsteps. He added that these initiatives underscore the commitment of UT administration towards inclusive and need based development.

The Secretary highlighted the significance of engaging with the public directly to understand their needs and aspirations. Through these Public Darbars, residents are encouraged to highlight their

concerns and provide valuable insights into the development priorities of their communities, he added. "It is imperative for us to bridge the gap between the administration and the people we serve," stated the Commissioner Secretary.

The Commissioner Secretary emphasized that identified genuine demands will be integrated into various UT and centrally sponsored schemes, ensuring a holistic approach towards addressing the needs of the population. These initiatives align with the government's vision of participatory governance and citizen-centric development, where the voice

es of the people are not only heard but also acted upon, he maintained.

PRIs led by Dr. Shamshad Shan highlighted various issues of public interests including upgrading of road from Patnitop to Sanasar, effective implementation of J&M projects, augmentation of Health and Education infrastructure, opening of Bank branches and ATMs, Cable Car for farming activities, execution of Gondola project at Sanasar etcetera.

While responding to the concerns raised by the DDC Chairperson, the Commissioner Secretary issued directions to the concerned authorities to open

bank branch and ATM in the area besides ensuring quality healthcare facilities in the area. She directed the authorities to take appropriate action on every public demand within the shortest possible time.

Responding to the public issues, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the combined role of public representatives and administrative machinery in ensuring effective implementation of development works. She called upon the stakeholder departments to adopt meticulous planning, which is crucial for enhanced execution of development projects.

Mandeep Kaur, while interacting with officers of line departments, called for adopting a public friendly approach in resolving issues of public importance by making optimum use of existing resources.

She also visited and inspected the stalls set up by various departments to educate the public about their schemes and services.

People asked to install CCTV cameras at their houses/units

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Rajouri Police met with Public/Business Establishment adjacent to and on National Highway 144-A from Thalka to Sunderbani in which large number of shopkeepers, Business establishment, Petrol Pumps, houses and other units were covered.

Additional SP Nowshera Mohd Rafi Giri interacted and talked with all the stakeholders under operation 3rd Eye for the installation of CCTV cameras at their houses/units which can help Police to track anti social/anti national elements and accused involved in hit & run accident cases to ensure security & safety of Public property and precious human lives.

The installation of CCTV camera is very important for each business establishment/petrol pump/houses and other units for 24x7 security and peace of mind. These are installed both indoor and outdoor and give



Addl SP Nowshera Mohd Rafi Giri interacting with shopkeepers.

remote access so that we can monitor from our smart phones, tablets or other means of use. CCTV cameras installed in our premises or offices, act as deterrent to criminals & whoever has illegal intentions in mind. It also can control harassment & sexual harassment at the workplace on real-time basis. In Sub-Division Nowshera CCTV cameras have helped in tracking number of theft, accident and other cases.

Finally, all the shopkeepers located on NHW/towns were requested to install 3rd Eye (CCTV Cameras) in their respective business establishments/shops/houses. They were also advised to ensure

the 24x7 working of CCTV Cameras in their respective shops as well as houses. Addl SP Nowshera reminded people about duties of every citizen of the country towards working for ensuring unity, integrity and sovereignty of the nation and that in this regard people must come forward to cooperate in the pursuit of good of the society and country.

At last public was assured of full cooperation from Police in their day-to-day issues. They were also requested to share any type of information in case of any infiltration/ input regarding movement of ANEs or anti-social elements etc.

SPPND Govt Degree College Samba elects Chhaatr Parishad



Faculty members along with students during the event.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Chhaatr Parishad Chunav was held for the first time at Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Govt. Degree College Samba for the session 2023-24. The objective of Chhaatr Parishad Chunav was to promote civic responsibilities, leadership qualities and better human relations amongst students. The election was conducted in a fair and effective manner. Prof. Shobha Gupta and Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Dutt were the observers for the same.

Voting was held with great enthusiasm in which the

elected class representatives of different semesters cast their votes. Out of 29 class representatives 5 members were elected under different posts. Saloni Sambyal of Semester VI as President, Shashi Raj of Semester IV as Vice President, Balkrishan Sharma of Semester IV as General Secretary, Vivek Barnal from Semester II assumed the role of Secretary and Treasurer Position was filled by Manshu Devi of Semester II. Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college congratulated the elected presid-

ium and exhorted that the elected members should serve as the voice for entire student body and actively work with sincerity and discipline to foster a better learning environment.

The elected presidium promised to work for the progress and welfare of the institution with dedication and honesty. The newly elected presidium & CR's were conferred with badges and sashets by the Principal of the college. The entire election process was conducted by Student welfare Committee of the college.

Training programme on HADP held at Hiranagar; Next session on February 28 at Jhandi Bagh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: A one-day training on Holistic Agriculture Development (HADP) was today held at the community center of Londi Panchayat in Hiranagar, Kathua district.

The training program was presided over by SDM Hiranagar, Rakesh Kumar, and organized under the stewardship of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr Rakesh Minhas with the objective to cover five model Panchayats of Hiranagar tehsil with the cent percent saturation of the HADP scheme.

During the event, officers from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kathua, Agriculture, and allied sectors participated. The training was imparted to the



A resource person expressing views.

farmers on 29 projects approved by the Government of J&K, with an outlay of Rs. 5013 crore to be spent over the next five years. These projects aim to transform the agriculture economy of J&K, putting it on a new trajectory of growth, doubling the output of the sectors, boosting exports, and making the sectors sustainable and commercially viable. The projects cover various sectors including Horticulture, Sericulture, Apiculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Poultry, Fisheries, etc.

While addressing the farmers, Head KVK Kathua Dr. Vishal Mahajan said that the main purpose of the

program is to apprise the farmers about the scheme for successful implementation and complete saturation in the Londi Panchayat under the HADP programme of the Agriculture sector.

AEO Hiranagar Vinod Kumar discussed in detail the different projects being implemented by the Agriculture department under HADP. He also threw light on the registration process, funding pattern, sanctioning process, and its implementation.

VAS, Hiranagar Dr. Suresh Kumar briefed the participants about schemes being implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry such as IDDS, IPDS, Dairy Development in J&K, Roadmap for poultry

development in J&K, etc.

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Suresh Kumar reviews functioning of district Library at Doda

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DODA: Principal Secretary Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta on Monday visited District Library here and reviewed the functioning of this vast repository of literature facilitating the readers fraternity in the district. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner and other departmental officials.

During the visit, the Principal Secretary assessed the facilities being provided to the visitors, particularly the student community. He inspected various sections of the library, including the reading rooms, senior citizen section, students and children section. He emphasized the importance of proper preservation and maintenance of the library's historic manuscripts.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Principal Secretary about the extensive collection available in the district library, informing that over 50,000 books covering a wide range of subjects including materials for civil service examinations, JEE and NEET are present in the repository.

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Principal Secretary Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta during visit to district library.

a brief interaction with the readers of the library, who expressed their need for latest books related to various competitive examinations and issues related to sound proofing etc. The Principal Secretary assured that their feedback shall be considered in enhancing the library's collection to better serve the educational needs of the community.

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UDHAMPUR: Sunil Verma, District President of J&K National Conference on Monday announced the dissolution of the District Body with immediate effect.

This decision was made during a meeting held in Udhampur, wherein Sunil Verma also provided updates regarding the formation of all Block Committees in the district and preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

During the meeting, Sunil Verma informed the attendees that the Block Committees have already been constituted in Udhampur District. In the following weeks, a new district committee will be formed based on the consent and recommendations of the



Sunil Verma, District President NC along newly elected committee members.

new Block Presidents, keeping in mind the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Subsequently, Sunil Verma also announced the formation of the new Block Committee of Pancheri Block. Bishan Das Sharma was appointed as the Block President, Rattan Lal Sharma as the Vice President, and Krishan

Das, a retired teacher, as the Block Secretary.

Sunil Verma urged the newly appointed Block Presidents to prepare for the upcoming polls and promptly constitute their respective panchayat, halqa, and ward committees. He also appealed to all party members to maintain discipline

and contribute towards strengthening the J&K National Conference under the guidance of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah Sahab, and the party as a whole.

The Block Committee was constituted in presence of Ch. Abdul Rashid, Channa Ram Sethi, Sh. Amar Nath (Block President Jib Thathi), Capt. Rattan Singh (Block President Majalta), Manmohan Verma (Block President Tikri), Bishan Das (Block President Udhampur), Om Parkash (Block President City Udhampur), Akash Verma (Senior Youth Leader), Sajad Ahmed (District President YNC Udhampur), and Sudesh Kumar (District Secretary YNC Udhampur).

Rajinder Digra assumes Additional charge as DIO Doda

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DODA: Rajinder Kumar Digra on Monday assumed the Additional charge as District Information Officer Doda.

The staff members of the District Information Centre Doda warmly welcomed him. After the assumption of charge, the DIO conducted an introductory cum interactive meeting with the employees, reviewing the overall functioning of the department. He received briefings on different sections of the department and urged officials to work collaboratively, focusing on the publicity of government welfare schemes and programs for the benefit of the people.

He also held an interactive session with media persons in the district. The purpose of the session was to discuss the role of the media in promoting transparency. He highlighted the importance of the media in disseminating this information to the public and creating awareness about government activities.

The media persons, in turn, shared their feedback with the District Information Officer (DIO) in Doda. The DIO assured every possible support to the media fraternity.

Dr Piyush Singla holds public Darbar at GHSS Forelain, Barnoti

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KATHUA: Secretary School Education, Dr. Piyush Singla on Monday presided over a mega public darbar at Government Higher Secondary School, Forelain of Barnoti block in Kathua to assess and address the issues and concerns of the people.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas, Director School Education, Ashok Kumar Sharma, ADDC, Ankur Mahajan, CPO, Ranjit Thakur, Heads of various Departments and other senior officers from the district administration, the Secretary listened to the grievances and demands of the public.

Chairman District Development Council, Colonel Mahan Singh (Retired) along with other PRI representatives and various local delegations participated in the public outreach programme.

The participants presented their development issues seeking intervention of the Secretary in timely redressal of the same. Among the prevalent grievances were deteriorating roads, irregular power supply, inadequate healthcare facilities, improvement in public health institutions, upgradation of school infrastructure, shortage of staff, establishment of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Degree College for the area, filling up of vacant posts in schools and colleges.

DDC Chairman appreciated the public darbars as a great initiative towards redressing public issues at their doorsteps exemplifying good governance aimed at minimising the difficulties of common masses. He also put forth the demand of taking up more roads of hilly and isolated areas of Kathua besides augmenting drinking

water availability through handpumps.

Dr. Singla assured the attendees that all their issues would be addressed on merit basis, with immediate instructions issued to the officials for timely resolution.

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Sericulture Capacity Building Program commences

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UDHAMPUR: The second five-day capacity building program for farmers in sericulture kicked off on Monday at Panchayat Ghar Chanunta as part of the HADP project. The event was graced by Scientist C Incharge SSPC Udhampur as the chief

guest. Vinod Kumar Gupta, Incharge Ghordi Udhampur, extended a warm welcome to all the participants.

During the program, Sanjay Rometra delivered a lecture on mulberry cultivation, while Ravinder Kumar, Sericulture Assistant and member of the monitoring committee,

imparted insights on General Sericulture. Rajeev Gupta, District Sericulture Officer Udhampur briefed the participants about the agenda and expressed gratitude to the chief guest.

The program will feature resource persons from various faculties of the

Central Silk Board, SKUAST and Sericulture Department delivering lectures on topics such as mulberry plantation, silkworm rearing, diseases and management of mulberry plantation, and silkworm rearing.

Participants will receive certificates on the concluding day.

Gurah Morh Railway over bridge to come up within one year: Jugal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Railway Department organized a significant event under the Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme, unveiling plans for the extensive upgrade of 554 railway stations and the development of 1500 new railway crossings.

The ceremony marked a historic moment as the foundation stone for the Gura More Railway Over Bridge was laid by Prime minister Narendra Modi virtually whereas Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, DDC Chairman Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma, DC Samba Abhishek Sharma, SSP Samba and



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma laying foundation stone of bridge.

other concerned officers besides large number of locals.

The Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme underscores the commitment of the Railway Department to modernize and enhance railway infrastructure across the

country. The ambitious initiative aims to improve connectivity, safety, and efficiency, benefiting both passengers and freight transportation.

Among the key highlights of this initiative is the development of 554 railway stations, strategically selected to

undergo significant upgrades. Additionally, the plan includes the establishment of 1500 new railway crossings, addressing the growing demands of a rapidly evolving transportation landscape. The Gura More Railway Over Bridge, whose foundation stone was laid today, symbolizes a crucial step towards safer and more efficient rail travel. This project reflects the government's dedication to enhancing infrastructure and ensuring the well-being of the citizens.

In his address, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma expressed his optimism about the transformative impact of these initiatives on the nation's rail-

way network. He emphasized the importance of the project as this over bridge will give easy access to the commuters of peripheral areas who otherwise have to wait for besides fostering economic development and providing seamless transportation network. As the Railway Department embarks on this comprehensive journey, it envisions a future where railway travel is not only efficient but also a catalyst for progress. The Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme stands as a testament to the government's commitment to building a robust and modernized railway infrastructure for the citizens of India.

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