

Inspired by PM Modi's doctrine several joins BJP in Jammu South

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R S PURA: Impressed by the Bharatiya Janata Party BJP's doctrine including public-friendly magical union government schemes, several people joined the saffron party (Bharatiya Janata Party) here at RSPura Miran Sahib Mandal of District Jammu South. The mass joining was led by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan. The program was organized by District General Secretary and Co-Incharge Joining Programme Akash Chopra in the esteem presence of State Vice President Sham Choudhary, Parbhari Ayodhya Gupta, DDC Gharu Ram Bhagat, former Mayor and Joining Incharge District Jammu South Baldev Singh Billawaria, OBC State President Sunil Prajapati, Mandal President Bikram Sandhu, Ex-Chairman Satpal Pappi, District President OBC Rappaul. In the meantime, all BJP senior leadership of Jammu South felicitates Ex-President Salzi fruit Rehri Rs Pura, Seema Mehra, Anil, Koushal, and many other sup-



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan along with new entrants of party at R S Pura.

porters. Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold Sham Choudhary, said the people living in remote areas have appreciated the intention and policies of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government. "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas has been the hallmark of Modi Sarkaar and we as the representatives of the BJP have to work together like a family to make sure that our country advances on the path of unity, peace, and progress. Ayodhya Gupta said that they have come to our family after

being influenced by the public welfare and pro-poor schemes of the Modi Government. This will go a long way in taking the BJP's development journey to its destination in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Baldev Billawaria said that every worker of the party works keeping in mind the principle of nation first and the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi himself has set the highest standard of selflessly serving the society and the nation. He said that the opposition should form an alliance and the people of the country would reject them. DDC Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, Satpal Pappi, and Akash Chopra, while welcoming the new entrants, asserted that BJP's policies working atmosphere, and public dealings have been widely accepted by the general public and told party workers to have faith in party leadership in the state for the better functioning of the party.

Raju, Rajinder, Pakaya, Hazour, Garaa, Labha, Shashi, Kishore, Ranjeet, Kuldeep, and others were present on the occasion.

MSCBMC Trust holds national art workshop at GMS Kalyar

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MATHWAR: The Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust today organized a National Art Workshop at Government Middle School Kalyar in Mathwar, drawing enthusiastic participation from students of various government schools in the vicinity.

Led by President Anuradha Rishi, the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust initiated a week-long National Art Workshop titled 'Trikuta - The Maharani of Mountains'. The workshop features a distinguished team of ten nationally renowned artists from across the country including Ashok Kumar, Gopal K Samantray, Gouri Vemula, Jiban Biswas, Nilesh Vede, Rahul J Mhetra, Ranjeeta Kumar, Sanju Das, Suman Dongre, and Vijay Kumar, who are actively engaging with students to impart artistic skills and insights.

On the second day of the



Organisers, Trust members along with participants posing for photograph.

workshop, students from Government High School Mathwar, Government Middle School Mawa, Government Primary School Parla Mathwar, and Government Primary School Keri Mathwar enthusiastically participated in the workshop at Government Middle School Kalyar in Mathwar.

The participating artists not only demonstrated various artistic techniques but also interacted with students, providing them with valuable guidance and encouragement. Additionally, the artists distributed gifts among the students, fostering a spirit of

creativity and camaraderie. Anuradha Rishi, President of the Trust expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Director of School Education and the dedicated school teachers for their invaluable support in facilitating the art workshop.

Emphasizing the importance of such art workshops, she highlighted the vast potential of local students in remote areas like Mathwar, where opportunities for learning art skills are scarce. She called upon the government to extend support for organizing more workshops in such underserved regions, emphasizing the transformative impact it could have on

the lives of students and communities.

Furthermore, Anuradha Rishi urged the government to promote Mathwar as a cultural hub, emphasizing the potential for tourism, employment generation, and economic growth in the region.

She also extended special thanks to Petronet LNG for their generous support in making the art workshop possible.

The Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust remains committed to empowering young talents and fostering cultural enrichment in communities across Jammu & Kashmir.

Foundational training programme for hostel staff organised at SMVDU



Officials along with staff during the programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: A 7-day training program, aimed at enhancing computer literacy among hostel caretakers and supervisors, concluded successfully today. Titled 'Foundational Training: MS Word, MS Excel, and Email Basics', the initiative was designed to improve efficiency and productivity in

hostel management through the development of skills in document creation, data management, and email communication. Prof. R.K. Mishra, Dean of Students, led the opening session motivating participants to hone their skills.

The resource persons Dr. Sonika, Dr. Sunanda, Dr. Sakshi, Dr. Arti, Dr.

Shafaq, Dr. Shazia, Dr. Purnima, Dr. Pooja, and Dr. Deepak offered hands-on sessions on MS Word, MS Excel, email basics and note writing. The training was geared towards enabling better record-keeping and streamlined communication with the administration, addressing the specific needs of hostel management. Dr. Sonika Gupta and Dr. Rashi Taggar successfully conducted this training program and expressed their gratitude to Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Vice-Chancellor of SMVD University, who consistently offers guidance and inspiration for such programs as the university's dedication to empowering its staff in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat Abhiyan.

ISHRD confers 'Outstanding Technology Transfer Award' to KVK Reasi Scientist

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REASI: Dr. Banarsi Lal, Senior Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) has been conferred with the prestigious 'Outstanding Technology Transfer Award' by the Indian Society of Horticultural Research & Development (ISHRD) during the Progressive Horticulture Conclave (PHC 2024) held recently at Navsari Agricultural University, Gujarat.

The dedication and commitments of scientists and academicians are considered by this esteem organisation. The esteem society conferred the coveted award to the scientist based on his quality research publications as first author,

popular articles as first author, books as first author, book chapters as first author, projects undertaken as PI and Co-PI, success stories as first author, case studies as first author, invited talks, consultancy services, SHGs managed, technologies disseminated etc. for the welfare of the farming community. Dr. Banarsi is the Gold Medalist and his doctorate is from the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi. He has developed an innovative Exponential Communication Model which is an appropriate model to assess the communication behaviour of the farmers. He has written more than 700 publications as research papers in national and international journals, popular articles, success stories/case studies, technical bulletins, leaflets, books, book chapters, training manuals etc.

MVD Inspectors lead road safety awareness campaign

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SURANKOTE: In a proactive initiative, the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) took a significant step towards enhancing road safety by deploying a team led by MVD Inspectors Imran Choudhary, Mohd Kaif, and Mozum Qazi to the town of Surankote. The visit aimed at raising awareness among the general public and transporters about crucial traffic guidelines. The inspectors emphasized the importance of using seat belts and helmets, urging everyone to avoid rash driving. Additionally, they highlighted the significance of preventing overloading of vehicles, ensuring compliance with various traffic regulations during the



Participants taking pledge during the programme.

National Road Safety Month.

This concerted effort by the MVD not only underscores their commitment to promoting safe road practices but also seeks to foster a culture of responsible driving within the community, ultimately contributing

to a reduction in road accidents and casualties.

The collaboration between the MVD team and the local populace during this awareness campaign is a commendable step towards building a safer and more conscientious road environment in Surankote.

Secretary PWD conducts extensive tour of Sudh Mahadev, Mantalai areas of Udhampur district

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UDHAMPUR: Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Bhupinder Kumar on Thursday held an extensive tour of Sudh Mahadev and Mantalai areas of Udhampur district, during which he undertook comprehensive inspection of various developmental projects and mega initiatives underway in the PWD sector across the district.



Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Bhupinder Kumar during tour to Sudh Mahadev.

During the tour, the Secretary inspected progress of two under-construction bridges on Chenani Sudhmahadev section of NH-244. On the occasion, DGM NHIDCL briefed the Secretary on the progress of the ongoing project and informed that 80% progress on the 17 km road stretch has been achieved. He also informed that bridge at Chenani will

be completed in February and second major bridge in April 2024, which will bring great relief for the commuters.

The Secretary emphasized on the officers of NHIDCL to pursue the court cases religiously which have halted the progress at three locations on the road stretch. The Secretary also directed NHIDCL to expedite balance works on this presti-

gious road project and strictly adhere to the committed timelines.

Stressing on the importance of close monitoring and frequent reviews, he advised DC Udhampur to regularly review the progress of the project.

The Secretary also visited PMGSY roads and expressed satisfaction about the progress made. He also emphasized on maintenance of the roads during Defect Liability Period of the completed works. Chief Engineer PMGSY was also directed to take strict action against the contractors who fail to maintain their roads up to required quality specifications. PMGSY and R&B agencies were also directed to accelerate the pace of work on PWD projects in the area while maintaining quality standards.

Col Mahan inaugurates crucial road connectivity project in Sheetal Nagar, Bhoond

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BHOOND (KATHUA): Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman of Kathua, inaugurated the commencement of construction work on the 6-kilometer-long Sheetal Nagar (Gadodi) to Kote road under the esteemed Project NABARD. This momentous initiative aims to address the longstanding demand for enhanced road connectivity among the vast population residing in the Basohli and Bani Region. The project is poised to exponentially elevate religious and adventure tourism, particularly in the revered Jodian Wali Mata and Daulah Mata hilly regions.

The event witnessed the gracious presence of notable dignitaries including Er Bharat Gupta, Executive Engineer PWD Division, AEE PWD (R&B) Bani, Thakur Darshan Singh, Ashok Purohit, Capt



Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman of Kathua inaugurating road at Kathua.

Harnam Singh, Pardeep Kumar, Chandoo Ram, alongside a large contingent of local residents hailing from Kote, Noon, Bhoond, Gadodi, Patagar, Danna & Janu villages. Notably, the event garnered enthusiastic participation from women and youth, accentuating the community's unified support towards the project.

Col Mahan was warmly welcomed amidst resounding

cheers and slogans by the spirited villagers.

Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan underscored the critical importance of establishing this vital road link, emphasizing its significance in facilitating the seamless pilgrimage to the revered shrine of Shree Sheeta Mata at Jodian. He emphasized the arduous nature of the existing 16-kilometer trek from Sheetal Nagar to Jodian and emphasized how

the new road infrastructure will ease the journey for devotees and enhance the transportation of essential commodities and provisions.

The DDC Chairman extended heartfelt gratitude to the Modi Government, LG Manoj Sinha, and particularly Dr. Jitendra Singh, MP, and Central Minister of State PMO, Sc. & Technology, and Space for their unwavering support towards realizing this transformative project. He also acknowledged the pivotal role played by Reeta Thakur, DDC Member Bani, in conceptualizing and executing this commendable initiative.

The inauguration ceremony symbolizes a significant milestone in the region's development trajectory, promising improved connectivity, enhanced economic opportunities, and enriched cultural exchanges.

DC Doda encourages students to avail services at Govt District Library

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: In a bid to promote literacy and academic excellence, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh recently conducted a thorough inspection of the District Library Doda. During the visit, he emphasized the immense benefits of the library's extensive collection of books



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh interacting with students.

and resources. Stressing the importance of education, Singh encouraged students to make full use of the facilities available, emphasizing that the serene environment of the library is conducive to focused studying and preparations for various competitive exams. Deputy Commissioner also interacted with library

officers and officials, urging them to implement further improvements within the premises. Recognizing the vital role libraries play in fostering intellectual growth and community development, Singh highlighted the need for continuous enhancements to ensure the library remains a vibrant hub of learning for residents of Doda.

CEO inspects remote schools in Zone Pouni

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: Chief Education Officer Reasi, Sunita Bali, undertook a significant visit to GMS Gooder and High School located in the remote Kotla area of Zone Pouni.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the educational landscape and address the unique challenges faced by schools in far-flung regions.

The Chief Education Officer engaged in compre-

hensive discussions with school administrators, teachers, and students to gain insights into the specific needs and requirements of the educational institution. She emphasized the importance of providing quality education to all children, irrespective of their geographical location. CEO's visit underscored the commitment of the Education Department to ensuring equitable access to education in remote areas.



CEO Reasi, Sunita Bali during visit to GMS Gooder.

DC Rajouri flags off group of 11 specially abled students for Vatan Ko Jano Tour

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: In a remarkable initiative aimed at fostering cultural and social empowerment among specially-abled youth, a batch of 11 students was ceremoniously flagged off today by Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Om Parkash Bhagat. District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Raheem was also present on the occasion.

The Youth Exchange Programme, meticulously organized under the auspices of the Directorate of Rehabilitation Council, functioning under the administrative umbrella of the Social Welfare Department, embarks on a transformative journey for these young individuals. As they depart for Delhi and Agra, they carry with them the hopes and aspirations of a community eager to break barriers and embrace diversity. During an intimate interac-

tion with the departing students, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri eloquently underscored the profound importance of such initiatives in nurturing a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of cultures that define our society. He emphasized the transformative potential of cultural exchanges in broadening perspectives and fostering inclusivity. The enthusiastic response from the students echoes the resounding success of this visionary programme, reflecting their eagerness to engage with diverse cultures and experiences. Their participation stands as a testament to their resilience and determination to transcend limitations, inspiring countless others along the way.

In line with the overarching mission of the Social Welfare Department to empower and uplift marginalized communities, this Youth Exchange

Programme serves as a beacon of hope and opportunity for specially-abled youth across the region. It embodies the unwavering commitment of the government towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society. As the students embark on this enriching journey, they carry the collective aspirations of a community rallying behind them. Their experiences will not only shape their individual growth but also contribute to the larger tapestry of social cohesion and understanding.

The Deputy Commissioner, along with all stakeholders involved, extends their heartfelt wishes to the departing students, urging them to seize every moment and embrace the cultural mosaic that awaits them. As they embark on this transformative odyssey, may they emerge as ambassadors of unity, resilience, and compassion.

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