

PoK DPs demand implementation of report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs



POK DPs handing-over memorandum to DC Kathua.

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KATHUA: Displaced persons (DPs) of 1947 from POK held a massive Dharna demanding implementation of Joint parliamentary on Home Affairs report no. 183 and inclusion of DPs wards particularly of Kathua, Jammu & Udhampur in Pahari speaking people category. The memorandums were submitted to Amit Shah, Home Minister and Manoj K. Sinha, Lt. Governor through Deputy Commissioner Kathua in respect of the said demands. A large number of DPs assembled in front of the

Deputy Commissioner office, Kathua and staged dharna under the banner of Jammu Kashmir Sharnarthi Action Committee (JKSAC) led by Sh. Bhushan Sharma, Presidnet JKSA Unit Kathua & Sh. Ashok Sharma and Sh. Darshan Kumar, President Tehsil Marheen, Hiranagar, Nagri and Kathua respectively. The protesters strongly criticised the Govt. for criminal silence over the implementation of Joint parliamentary on Home Affairs report no. 183 and also not issuing advisory to the rev-

enue officials for issuing PSP certificate to DP wards of the said district. The protestors also criticised both the MPs for not projecting their case to the central govt. despite of being given massive mandate by DPs in the previous Lok Sabha elections. While addressing the protestors Gurdev Singh, President JKSA alongwith Khem Raj, Deepak Raina and Jasbir Singh MJR-47 said that both the MPs were requested many times to mount the pressure on the central govt. to accept and implement the JPC Report No. 183 which has recommended relief of Rs 30 Lakhs each DP family alongwith reservation of their wards besides other components. The protestors appealed unanimously to PM Narendra Modi, HIM Amit Shah to take seriously the cognizance of DPs legitimate issues and accordingly advise the UT govt. to prepare a comprehensive road-map as per the JPC report no. 183 for the final settlement of DPs.

Garhi Battalion conducts awareness lecture & health camps on 'World Tuberculosis Day'



An army doctor examining a patient during the camp.

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NEWSHERA: Army's Garhi battalion under Tithwal Brigade on Thursday conducted awareness lecture and health camps on the occasion of "World Tuberculosis Day" at Nowshera & Pargal, Darhal in District Rajori. The event was organised with an aim to build public awareness about the global epidemic of Tuberculosis and efforts required to eliminate the disease. The

World TB day is one of the eight official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The Army medical officer also created awareness amongst audience regarding cause, symptoms, stigma and cure as well as various misconceptions associated with TB. People were also made aware of the hazardous effects of TB on health, wealth and social status of an individual.

GDC Nowshera organises workshop on 'career opportunities after graduation'

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NEWSHERA : A workshop on "Career Opportunities after Graduation" was conducted in GDC Nowshera by IQAC in collaboration with Career Counseling Cell of college for students of all semesters to commemorate "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahtso". The workshop aimed at assisting the students in taking right and informed decisions. An all-round discussion on choosing one's career path and the way ahead was done. On this occasion, Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Nowshera was the Chief Guest. The programme was presided over by Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal of the college. He explained the reason to conduct this workshop that today, just completing graduation is not counted as having a great career. Students need great



Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Nowshera giving away prizes to participants.

knowledge and a strong motivation to face strong competition in life. He also briefly explained the importance of National Educational Policy to the students. He advised students and motivated them to choose skill based education. The Resource Persons Neelima Shah, DFO Nowshera, Amit Verma, ASP Nowshera , Arti, BDO Seri, Captain Anjal Dev(AMC) of RAJ RIF, Subedar Ashish

Singh Rana(AEC) RAJ RIF,Enlightened the students regarding various opportunities in academics as well as competitive fields after graduation. They provided information to the students about the various competitive exams like IAS, IPS, IPS, JKAS, CDS, NDA, SSC, Navey, Airforce, Banking, NET, JRF, GATT and others. They informed the students about the various PG

Seminar held on 'Role of Teachers in Implementation of NEP-2020'

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KATHUA: Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Pranth organised a seminar on the topic Role of Teachers in Implementation of NEP-2020 in the context of Jammu and Kashmir at School, College and University level in collaboration with the Jammu, Kashmir Private schools coordination Committee, Kathua Unit in Nav Adarsh Hr. Sec. School, Kathua. The chief Guest of function was Prof Kuldeep



A Resource person expressing views during the seminar.

Chand Agnithotri, Advisor to Minister of Culture and Art, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Former Vice-Chancellor Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The Function starts with Saraswati Badhana and lighting the lamp by the chief guest and other dignitaries. The programme attended by Private schools sponsors, teachers, Lecturers and Professor from various school, colleges and Universities of Jammu and Kashmir. Prof Kuldeep Chand delivered his key note address on Role of Teachers in implementation of National education policy 2020 in context of

Jammu and Kashmir at various level starting from the school education to higher education. In his lecture he emphasized on the role of teacher in the effective implementation of this education policy. The lecture followed by group discussion and question and answer session. The key note speaker has satisfied all the query raised by participants. Other important personality who attended the function Prof. Parikshat, Dr. Vishal, Dr.Rajinder, Dr. Narinder, Dr. Anit, Prof. Suram Singh, Prof. Kehar, Hari Dutt, Gandarbh, Mahipal and Riti.

Div Com reviews progress under District Capex Budget, other development activities in Reasi

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REASI: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Thursday conducted an exhaustive review of the physical and financial progress achieved under District Capex 2021-22, UT components, Central Sponsored schemes, Loan components, Area Development Fund Plan and NABARD component.

The Div Com took a comprehensive review of sector wise works being executed under different departments.

The Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal briefed the Div Com about the physical and financial status of different projects and expenditure incurred thereunder.

It was informed that 80 percent targets have been achieved with the completion of 10198 works under District Capex Budget, while 84 percent progress has been achieved under centrally sponsored schemes. Regarding MGNREGA, the meeting was informed that out of 3600 taken up works, 3222 have been completed till date.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer chairing a meeting at Reasi.

Dr. Raghav Langer expressed dismay over low expenditure under some components in the district and directed the concerned departments to resolve the issues hampering developmental activities and ensure timely completion of all the works.

The Rural Development Department was asked to achieve 100% target under PMAY Gramin Housing Scheme while the health department was asked to achieve 100% coverage under Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Underlining the need to lay special focus on improving the quality of education, the Div Com directed the Education department to expedite the process of rationalization and merger of Schools.

Highlighting huge employment potential in Agriculture and allied sectors, the Div Com directed Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture and Agriculture departments to organise mass awareness camps to encourage youth to set up their own agro based ventures by taking the benefits of different schemes .

The Div Com pulled up PWD for the poor condition of Katra to Reasi road and directed the department to start renovation of the same at an earliest.

He also directed Officers of PMGSY to achieve 100% target earmarked for providing all weather connectivity to the far-flung areas of the district.

Issuing a string of instructions, the Div Com stressed upon the

Deputy Commissioner to take all possible measures to accelerate the pace of development of all ongoing works for their time-bound completion.

"Ensure productive and fruitful utilization of the available resources and put in extra efforts to achieve 100 percent expenditure in a time bound manner" he asked the departments.

He also exhorted the officers to maintain a healthy synergy with the PRIs and consider the representatives of people an important link in the chain of socio-economic development of the district.

The meeting was attended by Director Horticulture, Director School Education, SSP Reasi, Chief Engineer JPDCL, Deputy Director Animal Husbandry, Dy. Director FCS&CA, Asst. Director Social Welfare, Dy. Director Health, Joint Director Education, Joint Director (SE), ADDC, ADC, CPO, DFO, PO, ICDS, AD Tourism, ACR, ACD besides other district officers of different departments participated in the meeting.

PIB Jammu organises Rural Media Workshop

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UDHAMPUR: To build a direct interface between PIB Jammu and the journalists working at district and sub-district levels across Jammu division, Press Information Bureau, Jammu, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India on Thursday organised Rural Media Workshop (Vartalap) at Udhampur. The workshop was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib in presence of Neha Jalali, Joint Director, Press Information Bureau, Jammu.

In her inaugural address, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib said that this kind of Rural Media Workshop is a first of its kind organised in Udhampur and was possible only by the great efforts of Press Information Bureau, Jammu. Describing media as an essential part of life, Deputy Commissioner said that media ethics must be taken care of while reporting.



A section of dignitaries during the programme.

Neha Jalali, Joint Director, Press Information Bureau, Jammu in her address on 'Current Media Scenario in India' said that the media dynamics have changed as many new platforms like OTTs have emerged which have made the media industry competitive in terms of content creation and digital media viewership.

While speaking about Fake News and Misinformation, Jalali said that with a humongous amount of content being generated these days, it has become highly challenging to identify facts from misinformation more so when different strategies like click baits and

parody pages are being used.

PRO Defence Northern Command, Lt. Colonel Abhinav Navneet said that the real objective of Journalism is to serve people with news, views and information and media in every situation must be unbiased and without prejudice.

Vishal Bharati, of UNI in his address said that the official confirmation of sensitive news must be followed strictly as sometimes it is a matter of national security which cannot be compromised in any manner. He elaborated that social media has taken over everything but what is required is impartiality while reporting.

Sanjeet Khajuria, former Deputy Director, Doordarshan in his address said that media has a greater responsibility and a duty towards people and the balancing of news must be done to highlight the positive and negative aspects of news. He also laid emphasis on Development Journalism and the various responsibilities connected to it.

Field Publicity Officer, Anantnag, Shahid Mohammad Lone provided a detailed insight into the use of social media to leverage the dissemination of information about the public welfare schemes of the government

Media & Communications Officer, PIB, Jammu, Sheikh Mudasir Amin said that the misleading headlines must be avoided as it creates a lot of confusion among the readers.

Besides media of Udhampur, the workshop was also attended by District Information Officer, Udhampur, Rajinder Kumar & Field Publicity Officer, Udhampur, Khurshaed Yousuf.

Awareness programme on World Tuberculosis Day organised

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KATHUA: World Tuberculosis Day was celebrated in the premises of Chief Medical Officer, Office Kathua under the guidance of Dr. Radha Krishna, Chief Medical Officer / District Tuberculosis Officer, Kathua.

Raghunandan Singh, Vice President, DDC Kathua was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Dy. CMO Dr. Neeraj Nagpal, DHO Dr. Sameena Nazir, DIO Dr. Vasna and M.O DTC Dr. Kamlesh Kumari were also present. The programme started with the welcome address of Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Dr. Radha Krishna DTO Kathua briefed the public about TB causes, symptoms and prevention. He also informed public about Rs. 500 / month DBT to the TB patients for nutrition under Nikshay Poshan Yojana. The Chief Guest of the occasion,



VP DDC Kathua, Raghunandan Singh being honoured during the event.

Raghunandan Singh also addressed the public and assured that all the PRI and DDC members will also participate in the drive of TB elimination by ending 2025.

The students from ANMT School performed a skit and gave two lectures on Tuberculosis and its prevention.

Those patients, who have completed their TB Course and cured were also invited and facilitated to motivate

GDC Jindrah holds 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' rally



Students taking out a rally at Jindrah.

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC), Jindrah held a rally in Jindrah village to make locals aware of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme of Govt. of India.

Prof. Rajshree Dhar, Principal, GDC, Jindrah applauded the efforts of the NSS team and Volunteers.

Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah supervised the whole Rally and

Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team compiled and reported the Rally. The NSS volunteers along initiated the rally from the college premises. The rally was headed further in and around the surroundings of village Jindrah and passed across all the public places of the Jindrah village. The NSS volunteers made locals of the area aware about 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', a center sponsored scheme for the girl child only. The scheme aimed at prevention of gender biased sex selective elimination to ensure survival & protection of the girl child. The scheme further ensure education and participation of the girl child in the mainstream.

Congress flays recent fuel price hike

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UDHAMPUR: Senior Congress leader Sumet Magotra strongly flayed BJP led



Govt. of India for recent hike in prices of petrol, diesel and LPG cylinder just after assembly elections of five States.

While addressing media persons in Udhampur, Magotra said that LPG cylinder rates have been increased up to Rs 250 per cylinder over a period of one year. Congress leader further expressed that people will not tolerate dictatorial attitude of BJP Govt and Congress will lead a public protests at block level. He said people are already reeling under immense financial crises due to ongoing Covid-19 disaster.

Magotra also leveled an allegation on BJP leaders over change in name of Jammu from "The City of Temples" to "The City of Education Institutions" during Home Minister Amit Shah's visit. He said the Mayor of BJP Party has also replied to a media person that in near future Jammu will be named as City of Medical Tourism. He disclosed that very soon Congress organization will be strengthen at grass root level by organizing mass contact program by constituting booth level committees in every assembly constituency of Udhampur District.

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